

San Bernardino Community District

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

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American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment



What is the Climate Commitment?

- Founded in 2006 by a group of 12 college and university presidents
- 676 colleges and universities have joined the climate commitment (2010)
- An effort to make campuses more sustainable and address global warming



What is the Climate Commitment?

- Recognizes need to reduce global emission of greenhouse gases by 80% by mid-century.
- Effort to address global warming through institutional commitments to reduce and neutralize greenhouse gas emissions.



What is the Climate Commitment?

- A pledge to make a plan to pursue climate neutrality (i.e., elimination of greenhouse gas emissions) in a reasonable time as determined by the institution.
- Institution's climate action plan will identify target date for achieving climate neutrality.
- There are no legal or financial obligations to implement the commitment.

Why Develop a Sustainability Plan?

- Stewards of future generations
- Provide economic, environmental and social conditions for future generations to thrive
- Educate community about the importance of environmental responsibility
- Prepare graduates with knowledge and skills to work effectively in tomorrow's economy



Why Join the Climate Commitment?

- Scale and speed of global warming
- Economic, health and social effects (e.g., energy independence)
- Positive environmental benefits
- Builds upon current sustainability efforts
- Leadership by example





Why Join the Climate Commitment?

- Power of collective action
- Part of learning community (share best practices and resources)
- Flexible and non-prescriptive program
- Equip faculty and students with knowledge and skills for new challenges of 21st century

Climate Commitment Elements



- Create institutional structure (within two months)
- Initiate two actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (within two months)
- Complete greenhouse gas inventory (within one year)
- Develop climate action plan within two years that includes:
 - Target dates and interim milestones to achieve climate neutrality
 - Actions to make sustainability part of curriculum
- Provide reports on implementation of plan

Climate Commitment



- Goal: Exercise leadership in addressing climate change (and their social, economic and environmental effects) through actions to reduce global warming emissions
- Strategy: Join the Presidents' Climate Commitment during the 2011/12 fiscal year and begin to implement this Commitment.

Schedule

Spring 2011

- Vision of Sustainability Plan
- Goals
- Strategies

Summer 2011

- Development of Sustainability Plan

Fall 2011

- Draft Sustainability Plan

