

# The Presidents Climate Commitment

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## Presidential Commitments

- *Talloires Declaration*
- *President's Climate Commitment*



AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT

- 427 College and University Presidents have committed their campuses to reversing climate change.
- The ACUPCC will be the great accelerator of campus sustainability

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- Collaboration between
  - Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
  - Second Nature
  - EcoAmerica



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#### Elements of the Commitment:

- Establish an Institutional Structure
- Measure Green House Gas Emissions
- Take two or more tangible actions
- Develop a Climate Action Plan
- Report on progress

## Tangible Actions

- Green Building Policy
- Energy Star Procurement Policy
- Air Travel Offsetting
- Provision of Public Transportation
- Green Power Production or Purchasing
- Climate-Friendly Investing
- Waste Minimization

## AASHE – Association for Sustainability in Higher Education

- 445 members – colleges, corporations, NGOs
- AASHE Bulletin, AASHE Digest
- AASHE 2008 – Raleigh, NC  
November 9-12, 2008
- [www.aashe.org](http://www.aashe.org)

## “STARS”- Pilot

### Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System

- Provide a guide for advancing sustainability across the university, from governance and operations to academics and community engagement.
- Enable meaningful comparisons over time and across institutions by establishing a common standard of measurement
- Create incentives for continuous improvement toward sustainability
- Facilitate information sharing about practices and performance
- Build a stronger, more diverse campus sustainability community and promote a comprehensive understanding of sustainability that includes its social, economic and environmental dimensions.