

## **I. Initiate the development of a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality as soon as possible.**

- a. Within two months of signing this document, create institutional structures to guide the development and implementation of the plan.
- b. Within one year of signing this document, complete a comprehensive inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions (including emissions from electricity, heating, commuting, and air travel) and update the inventory every other year thereafter.
- c. Within two years of signing this document, develop an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral, which will include:
  - i. A target date for achieving climate neutrality as soon as possible.
  - ii. Interim targets for goals and actions that will lead to climate neutrality.
  - iii. Actions to make climate neutrality and sustainability a part of the curriculum and other educational experience for all students.
  - iv. Actions to expand research or other efforts necessary to achieve climate neutrality.
  - v. Mechanisms for tracking progress on goals and actions.

## **II. Initiate two or more of the following tangible actions to reduce greenhouse gases while the more comprehensive plan is being developed.**

- a. Establish a policy that all new campus construction will be built to at least the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver standard or equivalent.
- b. Adopt an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy requiring purchase of ENERGY STAR certified products in all areas for which such ratings exist.
- c. Establish a policy of offsetting all greenhouse gas emissions generated by air travel paid for by our institution.
- d. Encourage use of and provide access to public transportation for all faculty, staff, students and visitors at our institution.
- e. Within one year of signing this document, begin purchasing or producing at least 15% of our institution's electricity consumption from renewable sources.
- f. Establish a policy or a committee that supports climate and sustainability shareholder proposals at companies where our institution's endowment is invested.
- g. Participate in the Waste Minimization component of the national RecycleMania competition, and adopt 3 or more associated measures to reduce waste.

## **III. Make the action plan, inventory, and periodic progress reports publicly available by providing them to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) for posting and dissemination.**

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