

Climate Commitment - Understanding of responsibilities prior to signing by the College

The President of Hendrix College is in the process of securing authorization to sign a climate commitment with the organization Second Nature. In doing so, the College and the Campus Sustainability Fund Committee (CSFC) would like to establish the following principles:

- Recognition that the greatest benefit to the Hendrix College community from the signing of the climate commitment will be achieved if the effort includes active participation from students, faculty, and staff; and further that student spirit and involvement is key to the participation of faculty and staff.
- Commitment from the CSFC to form a student, faculty, and staff Climate Action Committee (CAC) to oversee development and implementation of the Climate Action Plan. This Committee will be separate from the CSFC, but contain student members from the CSFC. Students commit to actively participating in the CAC along with faculty and staff of the College. The CAC is responsible for coordinating development and implementation of the Climate Action Plan with the CSFC.
- Commitment from the CSFC to solicit and select members to form the CAC. The CAC shall include, but is not limited to: student members from the CSFC, at-large student members, Facilities Management staff, Dining Services staff, Business Office Staff, EVST program chair, at-large faculty, Chief Financial Officer, and the Director of Institutional Research.
- Commitment from the CSFC to engage students in advocating for sustainable changes across campus and to provide leadership by writing project applications and funding sustainable projects.
- Commitment from the CSFC to fund costs associated with approved project applications related to the Climate Action Plan and to coordinate possible funding from the College where financial benefits exist or as availability of operating funds allows. The College cannot commit up-front to ongoing costs and resources.
- Recognition that the curriculum and individual faculty research programs are faculty responsibilities (collectively and individually), and that changes to these aspects of the College cannot be dictated by the administration, by the Board of Trustees or any committee of the Board, or by any part of the Climate Action Plan.
- Recognition that environmental literacy is a critical component for the success of the Climate Action Plan. The CSFC, CAC, ECC, faculty, staff and students will actively participate in promoting and encouraging environmental literacy throughout the college.
- Recognition that the actual signing of the Climate Commitment should take place sometime shortly after the fall 2016 semester begins to insure that planning and reporting requirements can be satisfied in a timely manner. The signing event will be well publicized and include members of the CSFC.
- Commitment from the College to work to actively gather, collect, and implement best practices for collecting data and records for the Climate Action Plan. The responsibility

for aggregating and reporting such data falls to the Director of Institutional Research, who has been consulted and agreed to take on this task.

- Recognition that the CSFC must review any project applications brought forward to the CSFC by students, faculty, staff, and the College administration to assist in funding components of the College's Climate Action Plan in accordance with CSFC Bylaws. CSFC procedure includes submission of a complete project application to the CSFC followed by a review of the proposed project and vote for approval/denial by the CSFC. Copies of all invoices for funds expended from the Campus Sustainability Fund must be sent to the CSFC Chair or Treasurer. Payment requests will be completed by the CSFC Chair or Treasurer with final payment approval by Dean of Students.
- Commitment from the College, faculty, staff, and students to integrate sustainability into College operations across campus and in the Climate Action Plan.