

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment signatories agree to create "institutional structures" to guide the development and implementation of a comprehensive climate action plan. These structures are to be created within two months of the signatory's implementation start date. The institutional structure could take the form of a committee, taskforce, council or other body that is appointed specifically for the purpose of implementing the terms of the ACUPCC, or a pre-existing body (such as a sustainability council) that is given responsibility for ACUPCC implementation.

The structure should be empowered with the authority necessary to implement the Commitment, and should include high-level participants who have the ability to enact elements of the plan. Further, because achieving climate neutrality will require support from all sectors of campus, these structures should, at a minimum, include staff, faculty, student, and administrator representatives. Signatories may also choose to include trustees, alumni, local government officials, or other members of the community as participants in the process. The institutional structure should have a chair or other designated person who serves as the implementation liaison, the primary contact person on ACUPCC matters.

Beyond this broad outline, the exact form and composition of the structure is left to the discretion of the signatory institutions.