SIGNING AS A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Welcome to the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), an initiative of chancellors and presidents led by Second Nature. Thank you for your system’s leadership on one of the defining challenges of this century.

SYSTEM SCENARIOS

This document’s purpose is to clarify the process of signing and implementing the ACUPCC as a system, or a campus that is part of a system. While each organization has its own definitions, for the purposes of this document "system" will refer to any higher education system, or district. "President" will stand for any president, chancellor, or other equivalent senior leader at a system, college, university, or specific campus. "Campus" will stand for any separate campus, college, or equivalent entity within a system. “Parent Campus” refers to a campus that has the System President also as its own President. A “System Office” does not matriculate students directly, but rather acts as the system’s headquarters. We have two categories of signatories: “Reporting” and “Non-Reporting System Office”.

We have identified the following 3 scenarios for systems that sign the ACUPCC:

A) System President, signing on behalf of all individual campuses (2+ reporting institutions)

The System President signs on behalf of all campuses, even where each campus is considered a discrete entity with its own administrative structure. In this case, all the campuses will then be considered reporting signatories of the ACUPCC and are expected to submit their own reports, in order to stay in good standing. If the System President is not the president of a Parent Campus, then that System Office will be considered a Non-Reporting System Office (and listed on the website as a signatory). System Offices that fall into this category are not required to report, but may submit reports that synthesize data from all campuses if desired.

B) System President, signing on behalf of Parent Campus only (1 reporting institution)

Sometimes, a System President is also the President of a Parent Campus and signs only on behalf of their own campus. In this case only the Parent Campus will be considered a signatory and will submit reports for its own campus. Other campus presidents in the system can choose to sign and report on their own accord at any time. Systems in this scenario can also transition to Scenario A if desired.

C) System President, signing on behalf of small system with synthesized reporting (1 reporting institution)

If the system consists of three or less campuses, very small satellite affiliates, or campuses not considered discrete entities, then the System President can sign on behalf of all campuses and would be considered one reporting signatory. The system will submit a synthesized report that includes data from all the campuses. A system with three or fewer campuses that has chosen this synthesized reporting scenario in the past can transition to individual reporting in Scenario A at any time. In general, we recommend each campus report (Scenario A), as it leads to more progress, greater access to resources, and public recognition across campuses.

COMMUNICATION

Please ensure that the leaders of each campus are familiar with the ACUPCC and their reporting requirements. Second Nature will send an implementation welcome package to the Office of the President for each campus that is a reporting signatory. For more information about implementation of the ACUPCC and submitting reports, please review the Implementation Guide as well as the Online Reporting System. To address any issues or if you have any questions, please contact Janna Cohen-Rosenthal, Director of Membership Programs at jcoherosenthal@secondnature.org.