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American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment
Move to One Reporting Date for All ACUPCC Institutions
Effective March 1, 2011

The ACUPCC Steering Committee has approved a measure to have only one reporting date per year. Effective March 1, 2011 all signatories will submit required reports by a January 15th deadline. The new deadlines will be reflected on the ACUPCC Reporting System.

There are currently three implementation start dates per year – January 15, May 15, and September 15. Those signatories that fall in the May 15 and September 15 cohorts will effectively receive an extension on their upcoming 2011 reports.

For example, signatories with an implementation start date of:

- May 15 – your upcoming report is now due on or before Jan. 15, 2012
- Sept. 15 – your upcoming report is now due on or before Jan. 15, 2012
- Jan. 15 – will not have your reporting schedule altered; your upcoming report will still be due on or before Jan. 15, 2012

Any and all reports that are currently past due will remain past due, and all current extension requests will be honored.

Rationale

Feedback from signatories in the May 15 and September 15 cohorts indicated that a reporting deadline of January 15 was more in line with their annual processes of updating greenhouse gas inventories and climate action plan progress reports. Shifting to one reporting deadline for all signatories will simplify the reporting process and foster alignment among the ACUPCC institutions. The change has been endorsed by the Implementation Liaison Support Committee and is also in line with other reporting programs such as AASHE STARS and the EPA's mandatory reporting for facilities that emit 25,000 metric tons GHG or more per year. Moving to one reporting date will also consolidate the support provided by the ACUPCC team at Second Nature and will eliminate the two reporting dates that fell at the end of the spring semester and beginning of the fall semester.

Reporting Schedule for New Signatories

Institutions that sign the ACUPCC in 2011 will have an implementation start date of January 15, 2012, and will publicly submit reports on the following deadlines:

1. The Implementation Profile report is due within two months of sign date;
2. The first Greenhouse Gas Inventory report is due January 15, 2013;
3. The first iteration of a Climate Action Plan is due January 15, 2014;
4. An updated Greenhouse Gas Inventory report is due January 15, 2015 and every other year thereafter;
5. A progress report on the Climate Action Plan is due January 15, 2016 and every other year thereafter.