

Climate Goes Neutral

JCCC president Dr. Terry A. Calaway signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment on March 28, 2008. In doing so, JCCC joins more than 450 institutions of higher learning committed to reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions and integrating sustainability into their curriculum.



Presidents signing the commitment pledge to:

- Completing an emissions inventory
- Within two years, setting a target date and interim milestones for becoming climate neutral
- Taking immediate steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by choosing from a list of short-term actions
- Integrating sustainability into the curriculum and making it part of the educational experience
- Making the action plan, inventory and progress reports publicly available

In fall 2007, JCCC formed a sustainability committee, which now has 33 members from across campus divided into six sub-committees. Dr. Jay Antle, associate professor, history, and chair of the sustainability committee, says Calaway's signing of the commitment is the first step in JCCC's achieving climate neutrality with specific goals and costs of implementation to follow.

A complete copy of the agreement is online at:
<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/html/commitment.php>.

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