

iWG Recommendation

iWG Recommendation Ref #: iWG001

Date of iWG Recommendation: 12/4/2015

iWG Assessment of budget and policy impacts (*check one*):

moderate budget and/or policy impact OR major budget and/or policy implications

iWG Routing Need (*check one*):

more detailed study OR transmit recommendation OR forward to Sustainability Council

iWG Routing Direction (*department name, SWATeam, or Council*): Chancellor, via iSEE Director

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We recommend that the Chancellor sign Second Nature’s Climate Commitment, which adds a Resilience Commitment (addressing climate adaptation) to our existing Carbon Commitment (focused on carbon neutrality). This commitment would involve partnering with the local communities to perform a resilience assessment, developing resilience indicators that are appropriate for our campus, and incorporating resilience targets into the iCAP. Additionally, should the campus choose to sign by January 4, 2016, we would be recognized as a Charter Signatory.

Individual comments are required from each iWG member (can be brief, if member fully agrees):

iWG Member Name	iWG Member’s Comments
Ben McCall (iSEE)	I fully support this recommendation. It may be difficult at this time to know exactly how we will implement the Resilience Commitment, and what resources will be needed, but this was also the case when we joined the original American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment in 2008. We rose to meet that challenge, and we can rise to this one as well!
Morgan Johnston (F&S)	While we recognize that the intent of the original campus climate commitment from 2008 was aimed at full campus sustainability not just carbon-neutrality, F&S also recognizes that this newer climate commitment will increase the expectations and demands for stewarding campus resources.
Lowa Mwilambwe (Student Affairs)	I support this recommendation.
Matthew Tomaszewski (Provost’s Office)	I concur with Morgan's message and acknowledge the concerns raised by F&S.
Nancy O’Brien (Academic Senate)	Agree.
Jess Tang (Student Sustainability Leadership Council)	This commitment would engage the campus and curriculum in a more comprehensive and holistic approach to sustainability. It would greatly support the educational mission of the University to lead by example and teach students about the necessity of resilience and adaptation in a rapidly changing environment. I fully support the University signing on to this commitment.
Kevin Duff (OBFS)	Agree.

Rob Fritz (college-level facility manager)	Agreed: The resilience commitment seems to go hand and hand with the existing carbon commitment. My only concern is the man-power and funding required to groups involved in this additional commitment.
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Attach any comments from subject matter experts (with names and roles).