

Sustainable CU Proposal for the Campus Climate Coalition

- **Basic Organizational Structure**
 - We are the Campus Climate Coalition, an ad-hoc coalition of various environmentally focused student groups, representatives from UCSU, the Carbon Neutrality Working Groups, the Environmental Center and other interested students. We work on a volunteer basis and have no paid staff. Attached, you will find our mission statement.
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- **Project Description**

Summary: The two most significant pieces to our project are the “Big Roll” and the documentary that will accompany it. The roll will be a long and large roll of fabric signed by students who support CU’s move toward carbon neutrality as well as committing themselves to taking one or more action to reduce their own carbon footprint. The roll will be presented to administrators such as Chancellor Bud Peterson, The Board of Regents, The Provost, and others in order to dramatically demonstrate the widespread student support for the President’s Climate Commitment and carbon neutrality in general.

We also plan to document the creation, signing, and presentation of the roll. We hope this will be an inspirational success story for organizing a campus around climate change. The documentary can be shown to students in the future at other campuses to illustrate that something of this magnitude can be done.
- **Project Timeline**
 - *Timeline.* The project will roughly follow the deadlines for the Carbon Neutrality Plan. The rough draft is due December of this year and the final is due in the spring of the 2009 school year. We plan to have the “Big Roll” ready for signing by December 1, 2008. We want at least 3,000 signatures by the time the final draft is due in March. The documentary will be completed by September 2009.
 - *Scope.* The Campus Climate Coalition requests \$6,250 to accomplish its goals of garnering support for carbon neutrality on the CU campus. We would need approximately 20 volunteers to complete this project. We will work with UMC Scheduling, UMC Catering, and possibly Housing.
 - *Feasibility.* The Coalition will indeed be able to meet these goals and deadlines because we are already a cohesive group. Our members are responsible leaders of their own respective organizations and consistently come to meetings. This consistency has shown to be beneficial to communication. Members are confident that Jacob Golding has the expertise to lead this project.
- **Student Involvement**
 - We already include numerous student groups including CU Biodiesel, SEAC (Student Environmental Action Coalition), CU Going Local, Environmental Center, CoPIRG, UCSU and the Carbon Neutrality Working Group. We plan to incorporate Boulder Freeride, CU Wild and NET IMPACT in the future.
 - One of the main goals of the project is to increase students’ awareness on issues of climate and energy, and more specifically, carbon neutrality. The “big roll” will involve CU students directly by asking them to pledge support for carbon neutrality. Student involvement will also be asked for by way of interviews for the documentary. The coalition is also entirely composed of students. Another important aspect of our project is education. We will have educational displays, posters, and student volunteers available to answer questions at all of our signing events.

- Social Equity
 - As CU moves toward carbon neutrality, emissions from local Colorado coal-fired power plants will decrease to levels below what they would otherwise have been. This will, of course, directly reduce pollutants in the air such as nitrous oxide, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, mercury and particulate matter. This reduction in pollutants will contribute positively to the health of people living in Boulder and surrounding areas. Carbon dioxide emissions will also lower, slowing climate change, and ultimately benefitting populations in developing areas that directly depend on their environment as a means for survival.
- Innovation
 - The idea of carbon neutrality is quite innovative. More than 500 campuses around the nation have pledged to go carbon neutral, but CU was one of the first and we continue to lead in making plans. The support of students is essential in the success of any major campus initiative that is to include all university functions and affiliates.
- Environmental Impact
 - The Carbon Neutrality Working Group is actively planning and orchestrating the implementation of many energy related goals that are listed in the Blueprint for a Green Campus. One such goal is achieving maximum points for LEED 'energy and atmosphere' category. The CCC directly addresses the President's Climate Commitment. We are working with the Carbon Neutrality Working Group. Our main goal is to raise awareness and thereby support for CU's commitment to the PCC and climate neutrality.
- Detailed Project Budget and Savings
 - See attached spreadsheet for the budget plan. We currently have no other sources of funding, and if this grant proposal is approved, our anticipated expenses will be taken care of.
 - Investing in renewable energy, efficiency, and behavioral change projects will save the university money as the price of fossil fuel based energy inevitably increases due to increasing demand. It has been proven that decreasing carbon emissions to stabilize the global temperature is many orders of magnitude more cost-effective than managing the environmental problems brought on by global climate change.
- Project Longevity
 - While the effects of our work will be felt for many years to come, the legacy of our project will be our documentary. This documentary can be shown to students in the future to inspire them to act.