

April 30, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The King's University College Signs Climate Action Statement to Foster Campus Sustainability

Edmonton – On March 26, 2010, President Dr. Harry Fernhout, of The King's University College, signed a statement committing the university to exercise leadership in greenhouse gas emissions and environmental stewardship as part of its five year Strategic Direction Plan to care for creation. The "Statement of Action on Sustainability" leads King's in its operational goals to foster wise and sustainable development of its physical, financial, and technological resources through effective and forward-looking management. Toward that end, King's will incorporate consideration of sustainability into campus life by working together as students, staff, and faculty to impact changes in attitudes, policy planning, and course curricula.

As part of its commitment to sustainability, The President's Council at King's decided to adopt the STARS system, which stands for Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment and Rating System. STARS is a transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to gauge relative progress toward sustainability. King's utilized funds to purchase STARS from a Creation Care grant from the CCCU (Council for Christian Colleges & Universities). STARS was created by ASSHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) to help universities become more sustainable.

King's Director of Environmental Studies, Dr. Michael Ferber, noted that "The commitment to STARS by the President's Council and the signing of the "Statement of Action on Sustainability" by President Fernhout, reveals the desire of the university to hold true to its core value of caring for creation. I'm personally thrilled that the university is willing to be held publicly accountable for the way we treat the environment."

Dr. Ferber, along with everyone on campus, sees the signing of this document as an opportunity to further steps already being taken to encourage sustainable practices by students, staff, and faculty.

You can read the text of the Climate Action Statement under the news section on the King's website:

www.kingsu.ca

The King's University College offers fully accredited Bachelor degrees in the arts, humanities, music, social sciences, natural sciences and commerce/management, as well as an education after degree. King's currently serves almost 700 students from across Canada and abroad, representing more than 16 nations. Faculty are highly qualified, dedicated Christians committed to academic excellence and communicating a Christian perspective in their teaching. Students are challenged both inside and outside the classroom to apply what they learn to their life and their future career.

Media enquiries may be directed to:

Ken Schwanke

Director of Marketing

(780) 465-3500 Ext. 8087

Email: ken.schwanke@kingsu.ca

www.kingsu.ca