

Resolution SS0708-08

September 17, 2007

COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING A CAMPUS GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PROGRAM

Whereas, Global climate change is one of the most serious challenges facing humanity today;

Whereas, John Affleck-Graves created the Energy and Environmental Issues Committee in January 2007, evidence that the University recognizes climate change as a challenge and is committed to dealing with it;

Whereas, Notre Dame received a grade of D- on the 2007 College Sustainability Report Card;

Whereas, Pope Benedict XVI recently held an eco-friendly youth rally where he stated, "A decisive 'yes' is needed to protect creation and also a strong commitment to invert those trends which risk leading to irreversibly degrading situations";

Whereas, The University claims in a current television advertisement, "We are Fighting Global Warming";

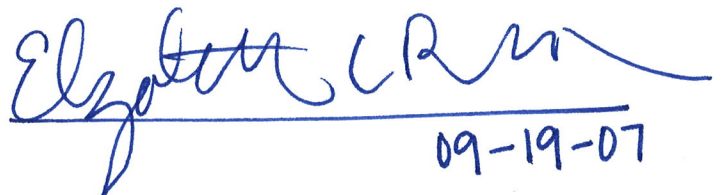
Whereas, Colleges and universities throughout the country, including many of our athletic and academic peers, have committed to a goal of carbon reduction or carbon neutrality;

Whereas, Environmentally-sustainable practices increase the attractiveness of a University to students, staff, faculty and benefactors;

Whereas, Reducing greenhouse gas emissions will create educational and research opportunities on campus; and

Whereas, Notre Dame has a moral obligation to safeguard Creation for future generations; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we urge the University of Notre Dame to formally pledge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 10% below current levels by 2015 and make a long-term commitment to carbon neutrality.


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