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Supporting the Student Sustainability Resolution of 2011

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WHEREAS Ohio State University supports approximately 300 energy and environmental researchers with over $400 Million in research expenditures and more than 10 research centers in the energy and environment arenas that continue to generate industry leading studies in the fields of climate change, environmental sustainability, and alternative energy; and

WHEREAS Ohio State University Board of Trustees recently adopted the principles of the One Ohio State University Framework, which inter alia seeks to decrease energy use and identify alternate energy sources, promote transportation options, enhance water resources, champion natural habitats, and manage material use; and

WHEREAS Ohio State University President, E. Gordon Gee, is a signatory of the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment that calls for universities to exercise leadership in their communities by modeling ways to minimize global warming emissions and commits Ohio State University to taking steps in pursuit of climate neutrality; and

WHEREAS Ohio State University Vice President & Enterprise Executive for Energy and Environment, Dr. Ronald M. Sega, recently stated to the OSU Board of Trustees, Academic Affairs & Student Life Committee, that a smart, efficient, practical, comprehensive, and responsible approach to sustainability is critical for success; and

WHEREAS the Student Sustainability Plan of 2011 endeavors to establish flexible, quantifiable, short-term goals to move The Ohio State University firmly into a sustainable future with cost efficiency and politically viability in mind; and

WHEREAS the Inter-Professional Council has previously taken positions affirming student initiatives that enrich the community and enhance the educational process in pursuit of Ohio State’s motto disciplina in civitatem education for citizenship; and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED the Inter-Professional Council support the Student Sustainability Resolution of 2011 and urge the University to strongly consider measures to achieve the goals outlined; and
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED the Inter-Professional Council charges its professional student representatives in University committees to vote in accordance with this resolutions; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED the Inter-Professional Council charges its President to communicate to the Ohio State University President, Executive Vice President and Provost, Vice President of Student Life, Undergraduate Student Government, Council of Graduate Students and all others to advance the Inter-Professional Council's position as established by this resolution.

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