



Resolution Fall 2016-1

WHEREAS, in order for the State of Texas to stay nationally competitive in its pursuit of a future dominated by renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Texas has been a recognized leader in environmental research for more than 77 years and has an academic tradition of green and energy-efficient programs to conserve water and energy; and

WHEREAS, The University of North Texas was the first large public institution in Texas to sign the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment; and

WHEREAS, air pollution in the region consistently exceeds national air quality standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, emissions from the municipally owned quick-start natural gas generator will negatively impact the air quality of university students; and

WHEREAS, the currently established We Mean Green student environmental service fee, as outlined by Texas House Bill 3353, would be fully depleted by an annual university-wide purchase of renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, there is no ratified Texas Legislature Bill that allows universities to charge their students a fee to purchase renewable energy credits or carbon offsets;

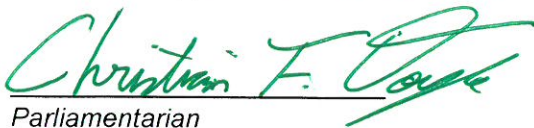
LET IT BE RESOLVED, a referendum be scheduled for the Fall 2016 Election to assess the Student Body's interest in a Carbon Neutrality Fee.

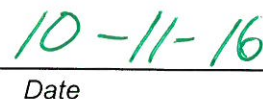
"Do you authorize the University of North Texas to charge the Student Body a fee not to exceed \$1/hour each semester for the purpose of fully neutralizing the University's carbon footprint through the purchase of Renewable Energy Credits and/or verified carbon offsets?"

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Miller and the Carbon Neutrality Committee

In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Graduate Student Council has approved this document and is referred to the office of the GSC President.


Parliamentarian



Date

Presidential Action:

- Vetoed
- Approved



GSC President



Associate Dean of Toulouse Graduate School

10-11-16
Date

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