

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-146

TITLE: Resolution Advocating for the UF Administration to Join the University Climate Change Coalition

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WHEREAS, it has been shown that human activity accelerates climate change; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Office of Sustainability launched the Neutral UF Coalition program in 2016 with the goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2025; and,

WHEREAS, former UF President Dr. Bernie Machen became the first signatory to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment in 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the University Climate Change Coalition is a bold new coalition of 18 leading North American research universities that will prototype a collaborative model designed to help local communities achieve their climate goals and accelerate the transition to a low-carbon future; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida's Strategic Plan recognizes that part of the University of Florida's land-grant mission is to be a good steward of the environment on campus and around the Gainesville community; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida's Strategic Plan includes a goal to strengthen public engagement of the university's programs with local, national, and international communities; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that the university already has the proper measures in place to join the University Climate Change Coalition.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate respectfully asks the UF Administration to consider joining the University Climate Change Coalition.

1 <https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>

2 <http://sustainable.ufl.edu/get-involved/facultystaff/neutralufcoalition/>

3 http://sustainable.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/UF_CAP_v1.pdf

4 <http://secondnature.org/uc3-coalition/>

5 <https://strategicdevelopment.ufl.edu/about/#Stewardship>

6 <http://president.ufl.edu/initiatives/uf-strategic-planning/>

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President Dr. Kent Fuchs, Provost Dr. Joseph Glover, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. David Parrott, Director of UF's Office of Sustainability Matt Williams, Chief Operating Officer Charlie Lane

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