



**Associated Students of Western Washington University**  
Divestment Study Group Charge & Charter  
April 2013

**I. CHARGE**

To identify issues related to fossil fuels and divestiture. Members of the study group shall be open to all aspects of the issue and should invite experts around the topics of investments and fossil fuels to speak to the group. The experts will offer opinions regarding this topic and the group will analyze and interpret the data presented to them. The outcome of the group is to provide background information and estimated impacts from different aspects of the topic with a list of considerations for the Associated Students and appropriate University administrators regarding this issue in order to move forward.

**II. MEMBERSHIP**

AS Vice President for Business and Operations, Co-Chair  
Senior Director for Fundraising, WWU Foundation, Co-Chair  
AS Vice President for Student Life  
Campus Sustainability Manager, Office of Sustainability  
AS Environmental and Sustainability Programs Associate Director  
Students for Renewable Energy President  
Students for Renewable Energy Representative  
Student-at-large  
Assistant Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs  
Dean of Students, Non-Voting Advisor

**III. CHAIR**

The Co-Chairpersons shall be the AS Vice President for Business and Operations, and the Senior Director for Fundraising of the WWU Foundation. They shall convene the meetings, approve agendas, and preside at all meetings.

**IV. MEETINGS**

Meetings shall be called by the Chair. The study group shall meet twice per month with a minimum of twenty four (24) hours notice. Meetings may also be called by any member with support of at least twenty-five (25%) of the seated, voting membership.

**V. VOTING**

In order for a motion to pass, it must obtain a majority of the legal votes cast. An abstention shall not count as a legal vote cast.

**VI. QUORUM**

A majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, the Chair will adjourn the meeting and reschedule to a new day and hour.

**VII. SUBCOMMITTEES**

In order to provide for coordination and direction, the study group may establish subcommittees as necessary. Unless otherwise noted, these groups shall follow the provisions of the study group with respect to procedure.

**VIII. RULES  
OF OPERATION**

The study group may adopt and amend rules of operation governing its operation by a majority vote, subject to review or approval by the AS Board of Directors.

**IX. AMENDMENTS**

This Charter may be amended by a majority vote of the AS Board of Directors .

**X. REPORTAGE**

This study group shall report to the AS Board of Directors through the AS VP for Business and Operations.