

A RESOLUTION to the Associated Students Board of Directors

WHEREAS the Associated Students ‘seeks to ensure a fulfilling college and academicexperience’ and acts as a student voice in University administration; and,

WHEREAS Western Washington University’s mission is to provide an ‘inclusive, student-centered university that develops the potential of learners and the well-being of communities’; and,

WHEREAS Western Washington University is dedicated to being a leader in societal problem solving; and,

WHEREAS climate change is a paramount issue our generation faces; and,

WHEREAS environmental justice is critical in addressing climate change; and,

WHEREAS leading climate advocates project implementing wind energy to be critical in addressing climate change¹; and,

WHEREAS leading social justice advocates have called for a just transition to renewable energies; and,

WHEREAS Western Washington University resolved in its 2010 Climate Action Plan to achieve net carbon neutrality by 2050 (IPCC, 2009); and,

WHEREAS The Sustainable Action Fund is used to buy Renewable Energy Credits to offset Western’s carbon emissions; and,

WHEREAS Western has an immediate opportunity to receive all power from Puget Sound Energy via the Green Power Purchase Program; and,

WHEREAS this Program is projected to cut campus carbon emissions by one-third once implemented; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Associated Students of Western Washington University strongly recommend the University agree to participate in the Green Power Purchase Program in order to cut campus carbon emissions by one-third.

1. Abraham, John. "Wind Energy Is a Key Climate Change Solution." *The Guardian*. Guardian News and Media, 10 Dec. 2015. Web. 14 Nov. 2016. Dr John Abraham is a professor of thermal sciences. He researches in climate monitoring and renewable energy generation for the developing world. His energy development work has extended to Africa, South America and Asia

BE IT RESOLVED The Associated Students of Western Washington University highly recommend the implementation of targeted hiring programs for frontline communities and communities most affected by climate change for the building of this wind farm in order to fulfill the necessity of a just and equitable transition to renewable energy.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED the Associated Students highly recommend shifting the current REC purchase from the Sustainable Action Plan to the Green Power Plan, amounting in \$50,000 per quarter, in order to pay for the premium rate schedule.

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