

UFC Sustainability Resolution

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Rationale for putting forward the resolution

1. Whereas the Paris Agreement on climate change (2015); the International Panel on Climate Change Report (2018); and the Fourth National Climate Assessment Report by the US Global Change Research Program (2018) have all warned of the catastrophic dangers to humans and the earth if climate change is not addressed;
2. Whereas Indiana and other Midwest legislators are leading and participating in the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucuses in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House;
3. Whereas Indiana University is internationally recognized as an Innovative University in *Reuters' Top 100: The World's Most Innovative Universities*;
4. Whereas Core Value 7 of the IU Bicentennial Strategic Plan commits to “Sustainability, stewardship, and accountability for the natural, human, and economic resources and relationships entrusted to IU”;
5. Whereas Action Items of the Strategic Plan include the goal “to solidify IU’s focus on efficient and environmentally conscious campus design and operation”;
6. Whereas Indiana University campuses offer academic programs in sustainability;
7. Whereas, recognizing how current and future university students have made climate concerns and sustainable practices a high priority, as evidenced, for example, by the international student-led Global Climate Strikes;

Now, therefore be it resolved that

Indiana University, through collaborations of its constituent groups in administration, faculty, staff, and students, will work cooperatively to

1. develop an Indiana University-wide sustainability action-plan by 2025 with reviews every five years;
2. prioritize sustainability and the sustainability action-plan as major, long-term goals of Indiana University, in all planning including strategic plans;
3. actively support the work of SustainIU, Offices of Sustainability, Sustainability Councils, academic programs in sustainability across IU, and sustainability initiatives in the campus service regions and wider communities;
4. anticipate the post-carbon, sustainable economic era and preserve fiscal responsibility while pursuing the goal of carbon neutrality;
5. create effective synergy between administration, faculty, staff, and students as we implement and model sustainable best-practices and use of renewable resources to the IU campuses, student body, and wider community, for the *next* 50 years and beyond; and
6. as Indiana University, collaborate on achieving the goal of becoming carbon neutral no later than 2040, ahead of what is advocated by the International Panel on Climate Change Report.