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56 Legislative Council Resolution #2

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
STUDENT UNION**

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**A Resolution
Resolution History**

The University of Colorado at Boulder is a growing institution that faces a future of increasing demand for energy as well as rising operation costs. In order to guide the University toward an economically efficient and environmentally sound energy plan, the UCSU Environmental Center created a Blueprint for a Green Campus. The Blueprint includes the goal of creating a climate friendly campus. Towards this goal the students have voted to raise their student fees to purchase clean and renewable wind power to serve a part of the campus energy needs. Facilities Management has undertaken lighting upgrades and the University has purchased several hybrid electric vehicles and encouraged the use of mass transportation. The Chancellor's executive committee has also created the Campus Resource Conservation Committee to ensure that the University continues its proactive role in reducing energy consumption. The Blueprint suggests the University commit to meeting the emissions reduction targets of the Kyoto protocol that would reduce the campus greenhouse gas emissions by seven percent below 1990 levels by the year 2010.

Resolution Summary

- Whereas: Energy use on the campus has been increasing by 4 to 5% each year for the past ten years.
- Whereas: The cost of natural gas has been steadily increasing which will, in turn, raise energy costs for the campus.
- Whereas: The year 2000 greenhouse gas emissions level for the University of Colorado at Boulder is 5.2% below 1990 levels, according to an emissions inventory done by the UCSU Environmental Center.
- Whereas: Other institutions, such as Tufts University, Oberlin College and all 56 New Jersey colleges and universities have committed to similar emissions reductions and received national recognition.
- Whereas: A commitment to strive toward the goal in itself will continue to strengthen the University of Colorado's reputation as an environmental leader.
- Whereas: A university commitment to strive to reduce emissions provides a unique teaching model for important international and political issues.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union THAT:

Section 1: The UCSU Legislative Council calls upon the Boulder Campus to reduce **energy** use.

Section 2: The UCSU Legislative Council strongly supports the reduction of campus **emissions through campus-wide efficiency measures, the use of clean** renewable energy such as wind generated electricity, and efforts to increase efficiency in campus buildings and fleet vehicles.

Section 3: The UCSU Legislative Council urges the University of Colorado-Boulder to examine the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by seven percent below 1990 levels by the year 2010.

Section 4: This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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