



1 **Whereas**, the University of Wisconsin-Madison has always been a leader in teaching, research,
2 and outreach regarding the conservation of natural resources, environmental protection, and
3 sustainable living patterns;
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5 **Whereas**, UW-Madison has already made significant progress in recent years in conservation
6 and reduction of carbon emissions; has created the Office of Sustainability and the We Conserve
7 Program, and has made significant investments in conservation and energy reduction;
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9 **Whereas**, we recognize that reducing UW-Madison’s carbon emissions will require shared effort
10 among faculty, students, academic staff, university staff, and the administration;
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12 **Whereas**, UW-Madison will soon adopt an updated Campus Master Plan that includes
13 many goals regarding sustainability and energy, such as:

- 14 • “Extend our educational mission to Wisconsin and the world with new
15 technology and partnerships.” (p. 27)
- 16 • “Promote environmental sustainability through our own campus operations,
17 integrated with research and education.” (p. 28)
- 18 • “The master planning process is used to accommodate and direct future growth of the
19 campus in a responsible and efficient manner utilizing funding to assure that facilities
20 development supports the institution’s mission of teaching, research and outreach.” (p.
21 30)
- 22 • “We are committed to being responsible stewards of our human, intellectual,
23 cultural, financial, and environmental resources.” (p. 14)
- 24 • “It is the policy of the Board of Regents that the following principles shall guide
25 the physical planning and development of UW System institutions and
26 stewardship of physical assets controlled by the Board of Regents...
27 o 9. Sustainable design through: ...
28 d. High-performance and energy-efficient design;
29 f. Appropriate use of renewable energy. (p. 31)
- 30 • “Demonstrate leadership in environmental sustainability both on- and off-campus.” (p.
31 139)
- 32 • “As we maximize opportunities for generating and using renewable energy, we will
33 continue to reduce our carbon footprint.” (p. 17);
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35 **Whereas**, UW-Madison, along with the City of Madison and 10 other municipalities that are
36 home to over 70% of the population of Dane County, was a partner in the federally-funded
37 Capital Region Sustainable Communities, which by consensus in 2013 endorsed the
38 Framework & Goals of a county- wide, all-sector climate action plan for the municipalities of
39 Dane County;
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1 **Whereas**, hundreds of universities across the country are signatories to the American College
2 and University Presidents' Climate Commitment and are preparing or have prepared climate
3 action plans to become carbon neutral by 2050;

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5 **Whereas**, the Chancellors of eight UW System schools have signed the American College
6 and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (Eau Claire, Green Bay, Milwaukee,
7 Oshkosh, River Falls, Stevens Point, Stout, and Whitewater);

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9 **Whereas**, development of a campus climate action plan will further enhance opportunities
10 for UW-Madison students with regards to: research, education, and outreach missions;

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12 **Whereas**, the Faculty Senate overwhelmingly passed a nearly parallel resolution on
13 November 13, 2017, with the only difference being a recommendation that the goals be
14 accomplished by 2050;

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17 **The Associated Students of Madison acting in Student Council do enact as follows:**

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19 **Therefore be it resolved**, the Associated Students of Madison (ASM) endorses and fully
20 supports the goal that UW-Madison should eliminate its contributions to climate disruption by
21 becoming carbon neutral by 2030 or sooner;

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23 **Be it further resolved**, that ASM encourages the Administration to endorse or adopt the goal
24 that UW-Madison eliminate its contributions to climate disruption by becoming carbon neutral
25 by 2030 or sooner;

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27 **Be it further resolved**, that the ASM encourages the Administration to fund, create, and
28 implement a campus-wide climate action plan with specific and measurable targets and
29 implementation actions to move UW-Madison to become carbon neutral by 2030 or sooner;

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31 **Be it further resolved**, that ASM recommends that this campus climate action plan:

- 32 • begin with the City of Madison's formally adopted or endorsed climate and energy
33 goals as well as the framework and goals of the forthcoming climate action plan of the
34 Dane County Climate Council;
- 35 • contain procedures for UW-Madison to report progress on climate goals to the
36 American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment and/or the
37 AASHE STARS (American Association for Sustainability in Higher Education -
38 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System) or other similar system;
- 39 • contain procedures for regular reports to the campus community on progress and
40 actions taken in furtherance of these goals;



- 1 • address adaptation and resilience of campus facilities and processes within the
- 2 context of a changing climate;
- 3 • and (to the maximum extent practicable) coordinate goals and implementation strategies
- 4 with climate action plans in Dane County and the City of Madison;
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- 6 ***Be it finally resolved,*** that ASM encourages the Chancellor to sign the American Colleges and
- 7 University Presidents' Climate Commitment as a symbol of UW- Madison's commitment to
- 8 these goals.
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