



### **Student Government Resolution 118.015**

#### **A Resolution Proposing the Formation of a Long-Term Fund to Completely Fund the Purchase and Implementation of a Solar Energy Project at the University Farm Sponsored by Kyle Weber, Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee Chair; Jared Kolok, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair and Student Government Representative to the Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee**

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long-term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- The Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee acknowledges the global threat of anthropogenic climate change primarily caused by the combustion of fossil fuels; and
- The Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee seeks to make programmatic changes funded by a student fee in order to create a more sustainable and environmentally friendly University; and
- The University Farm is uniquely situated, compared to Truman's main campus, to be energy independent through the use and implementation of clean and renewable energy sources such as solar; and
- The Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee has previously invested approximately \$30,000 to sustainability efforts at the University farm; and
- The cost of a large-scale renewable energy project to be implemented on the University Farm is cost-prohibitive for the annual budget and associated fee of the Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee; and
- It is estimated that the end cost of these arrays to be up to \$100,000; and

- Section 7, Clause 2 of the Operating Procedures for the Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee states that the Committee has the ability to save 15-30% of its annual budget for a long-term project;<sup>1</sup> and
- The 2017 and 2018 slates set aside \$15,000 each totaling \$30,000 for a long-term project referred to as a “Future Renewable Energy Project” in the 2016-2017 slate;<sup>2</sup>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- Notes that the costs of solar energy and solar technologies are fluctuating alongside the annual budget of the Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee due to fluctuations in annual student enrollment; and
- Requests the official establishment of a long-term project fund to be included in future Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee slates which will be designated to put aside a 25% to 30% of its annual budget; and
- Suggests the funds put into the long-term project fund be used to purchase and implement solar arrays to offset the carbon emissions and energy usage of the University Farm; and
- Puts aside funds from the Environmental Sustainability Fee into a Long-Term Project fund until 2024, or earlier should enough funds be allocated as decided by the committee.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Truman State University Board of Governors; Janna Stoskopf, Vice President of Student Affairs; Donna Liss, Sustainability Committee Chair; Bill Kuntz, University Farm Manager; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.

Passed by Unanimous Consent, March 24, 2019



Keaton Leppanen, President of the Student Association

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<sup>1</sup><http://senate.truman.edu/files/2018/04/OperatingProceduresfortheEnvironmentalSustainabilityFeeAccountabilityCommittee-1.docx>

<sup>2</sup><http://senate.truman.edu/official-documents/previoussessions/2016-2017-session-records/>