

**Student Government Resolution 081.002**  
**Resolution Endorsing the President's Climate Commitment**

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long-term interests of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- The Strategic Plan outlines the University's vision that "Truman will be America's premier public liberal arts and sciences university;" and
- The President's Climate Commitment (PCC) advises that "campuses that address the climate challenge by reducing global warming emissions and by integrating sustainability into their curriculum will better serve their students and meet their social mandate to help create a thriving, ethical, and civil society," a statement that facilitates the University's movement towards achieving the Strategic Plan's leadership vision; and
- The Strategic Plan also states that the University should focus its fund-raising campaign around increasing, "private support from alumni and friends to provide the margin of excellence Truman needs to serve its students well," and "grant applications and total funding from external grant sources to supplement state resources;" and
- The PCC advises that signatory colleges and universities will "stabilize and reduce their long-term energy costs...attract new sources of funding, and increase the support of alumni and local communities" through their commitment, goals which are tandem with the Strategic Plan's funding and fund-raising vision; and
- The Curriculum Commission directs that "Truman graduates will be creative, socially responsible leaders, and engaged world citizens," and, "students will develop better understanding of the natural, socio-cultural, and historical forces that shape our world...with big questions, active involvement, and real world challenges;" and
- The PCC also asserts that signatory institutions "will be providing students with the knowledge and skills needed to address the critical, systemic challenges faced by the world in this new century and enable them to benefit from the economic opportunities that will arise as a result of solutions they develop," concurrent with the Curriculum Commission's vision for Truman students; and
- As of February 10, 2008, there are 489 signatories of the PCC.
- Out of the 24 COPLAC institutions, not including Truman State University, 12 of them have signed the PCC. Also signing the PCC are the College of New Jersey, Drury University, Portland State University, and Western Washington University.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- Student Government recommends the endorsement of the President's Climate Commitment.

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- Presents their endorsement to Faculty Senate; and
- Deliver this resolution to President Dixon, the President's Environmental Advisory Committee, and the Index.

**Passed February 10, 2008**  
**By a Vote of 13 – 0 – 0**

**Matthew Szewczyk**  
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