



— OBERLIN COLLEGE —

Student Senate

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Proposal in support of climate neutrality at Oberlin College.

WHEREAS, Oberlin College has been a leader in promoting environmental sustainability and bringing attention to the growing climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, students, faculty, administrators, and staff have recognized the need for Oberlin College to reduce its negative environmental effect on the world and have campaigned tirelessly on this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Oberlin College has adopted in 2004 an Environmental Policy Statement, which recognized the tremendous work of the Environmental Policy Advisory Committee and dedicated Oberlin College to “be a responsible steward of the environment. As such, the College will seek 1) to reduce the rate at which it contributes to the depletion and degradation of natural resources; 2) to increase the use of renewable resources; and 3) to consider other measures that can enhance the physical environment in which we live”; and

WHEREAS, the President of Oberlin College committed Oberlin College to develop plans to become climate neutral; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that to celebrate the President of Oberlin College’s support for climate neutrality, to demonstrate Oberlin College students’ commitment to environmentalism, and to help Oberlin College achieve climate neutrality, Oberlin College Student Senate shall purchase 138 tons (equivalent to one day of carbon emissions at Oberlin College) of carbon offsets from The Carbon Fund at an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars; and be it further

RESOLVED, that to celebrate Oberlin Climate Neutral Day (December 7, 2006), the purchased carbon offsets apply to that same day; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Oberlin College Student Senate commends and thanks to the President of Oberlin College for her support for climate neutrality.