

A Resolution in Support of the University of Washington's *Focus the Nation* Event.

WHEREAS, climate change has been recognized globally as an issue of enormous importance; and

WHEREAS, the education of students regarding the threat of climate change as well as possible solutions should be a crucial priority in order to prepare students for the post-university world; and

WHEREAS, the University of Washington has begun to address climate change solutions by signing the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment in March, 2007; and

WHEREAS, *Focus the Nation* is a national campaign designed to create a dialogue about climate change solutions at over a thousand colleges, universities, high schools, middle schools, civic organizations and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the University of Washington is hosting a *Focus the Nation* event on January 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, President Mark Emmert has signed a statement supporting the goals of the University of Washington's *Focus the Nation* event; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Washington recognizes the importance of taking an informed stance on climate change, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate supports efforts of *Focus the Nation* to educate the University of Washington campus as well as the larger Seattle community about climate change, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate endorses the following statement and course of action formulated by the national *Focus the Nation* organizing committee:

Global warming poses a serious threat to people and natural systems across the planet. Public and private policy decisions about global warming this decade will have impacts lasting for generations. To focus the nation's attention on this crucial issue, the University of Washington, in conjunction with colleges, universities, and high schools across the country, will organize a symposium about 'Global Warming Solutions for America' on or around January 31 2008. On that day, faculty are strongly encouraged to join with their classes to attend scheduled programs about climate change or to discuss it with their own students. The symposium program committee will work with interested faculty to develop appropriate material for their classes and to insure that diverse disciplines are represented in symposium panels and workshops.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Faculty Senate further encourages the participation of students, faculty, and staff in the University of Washington's *Focus the Nation* event.

Submitted by:
Senate Executive Committee
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