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WHEREAS, in order for the State of Texas to stay nationally competitive in its pursuit of a future dominated by renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Texas has been a recognized leader in environmental research for more than 77 years and has an academic tradition of green and energy-efficient programs to conserve water and energy; and

WHEREAS, The University of North Texas was the first large public institution in Texas to sign the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment; and

WHEREAS, air pollution in the region consistently exceeds national air quality standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, emissions from the municipally owned quick-start natural gas generator will negatively impact the air quality of university students; and

WHEREAS, the currently established We Mean Green student environmental service fee, as outlined by Texas House Bill 3353, would be fully depleted by an annual university-wide purchase of renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, there is no ratified Texas Legislature Bill that allows universities to charge their students a fee to purchase renewable energy credits or carbon offsets;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, a referendum be scheduled for the Fall 2016 Election to assess the Student Body’s interest in a Carbon Neutrality Fee.

"Do you authorize the University of North Texas to charge the Student Body a fee not to exceed $1/hour each semester for the purpose of fully neutralizing the University’s carbon footprint through the purchase of Renewable Energy Credits and/or verified carbon offsets?"

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Miller and the Carbon Neutrality Committee

In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Graduate Student Council has approved this document and is referred to the office of the GSC President.

Parliamentarian  
10-11-16  
Date

Presidential Action:
☐ Vetoed  
☐ Approved

GSC President

Associate Dean of Toulouse Graduate School

10-11-16
Date

11/11/2016
Date