

THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS ACADEMIC SENATE



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, The global impact, urgency, and magnitude of the challenge of addressing climate change calls for leadership in all sectors of society, institutions and students, faculty, employees, elected officials, and community members can positively impact sustainability and climate change; and

WHEREAS, Children and young adults represent a particularly vulnerable group because greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere will continue to accumulate over the coming decades and will profoundly impact our current students throughout their lives, as well as the lives of future generations; and

WHEREAS, Climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience are in keeping with College of the Canyons' Strategic Goals of leadership, maintaining and improving physical resources, financial stability, and innovation, and its commitment to the mission of developing global responsibility; and

WHEREAS, The College of the Canyons Academic Senate commends the college's efforts to implement energy-efficient and sustainable practices beyond mandatory code or regulatory minimums such as the adoption of the green-based Biodiversity Initiative, implementation of water refill stations, installation of energy efficient lights with movement sensors, fume hood controls, vehicle charging stations, cogeneration plants and future plans to install fuel cells for electricity generation;

RESOLVED, The College of the Canyons Academic Senate encourages expansion of these efforts and to further reduce the college's impact on climate change by transitioning to climate-friendly food services, eliminating single-use plastics, and reducing the use of paper and increasing the use of recycled paper products; and

RESOLVED, That the College of the Canyons Academic Senate encourages the Board of Trustees to continue to support environmental sustainability and consider additional measures to mitigate climate change at College of the Canyons and to demonstrate that support with a written resolution.