A Resolution Concerning the Reduction of Green House Gasses at Bates

WHEREAS, it is widely thought that greenhouse gas emissions, such those as produced by power plants that use fossil fuels, contribute to adverse climate change and global warming; and

WHEREAS, climate change affects us all; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Statement of Bates College states, “Bates also recognizes that it has responsibilities to the larger community”; and

WHEREAS, “Green Energy,” or alternative sources of energy that do not use fossil fuels and release no emissions, exist and are available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, in December, 2005, two of Bates’ electricity contracts expire and the option to purchase Green Energy exists; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to purchase Green Energy enjoys widespread support within the faculty and student body; and

WHEREAS, similar programs have been successful at other institutions of higher learning; and

Now, therefore be it resolved:

That we endorse the proposal to purchase Green Energy when the current electricity contracts expire in December.

That we urge President Hansen, Treasurer Beckmann, and the Physical Plant to devise a means to fund the purchase of Green Energy.

That upon passage, the body of the resolution be communicated to the Bates Community at large.

Respectfully,
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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Monday, November 14, 2005:
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