

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF AN OFFICIAL OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY.

WHEREAS: In the 2018-2019 SGA Administration, Senator Kimberly Christine Sparks wrote the Sustainability Campus Initiative, which sought to re-establish the Sustainability Manager position, and

WHEREAS: After the initiative passed, Northern Kentucky University did re-establish and fund the position, and

WHEREAS: Currently, the position referred to as "Sustainability Manager" in former Senator Sparks' resolution is known as "Sustainability Operations Coordinator," and

WHEREAS: While campus sustainability initiatives have made great progress, Northern Kentucky University's commitments, like the commitment made to Cincinnati 2030, require more personnel, and

WHEREAS: In the coming years, with influential climate legislation gaining ground in the federal government, more sustainability requirements are expected to be met, and

WHEREAS: We believe Northern Kentucky University can prepare to meet these requirements by officially establishing an Office of Sustainability, and

WHEREAS: The office should, like all other campus offices, have staff and student positions, and

WHEREAS: This office should be focused on working with the Sustainability Operations Coordinator and Environmental Science Department regarding campus sustainability and community partnerships, and

WHEREAS: Similar to other offices on campus, this new office should coordinate with Registered Student Organizations whose goals are similar to the office, and

WHEREAS: We recommend Northern Kentucky University add the Office of Sustainability to the university organizational chart as an official department as soon as possible, and

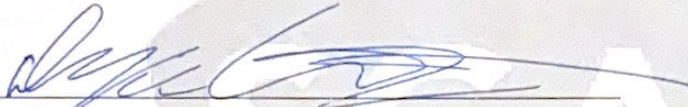
WHEREAS: We recommend that a new budget be approved for an official office and additional personnel in the FY23 budget, and the University fund this through means they see fit, and

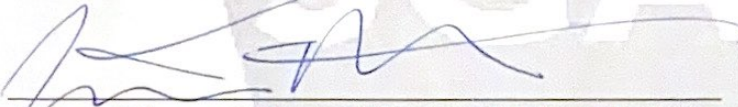
WHEREAS: We believe that creating the framework for this office should begin after the addition to the university organizational chart, with input from student environmental groups, environmental faculty and students, and the current personnel for Sustainability Operations, and

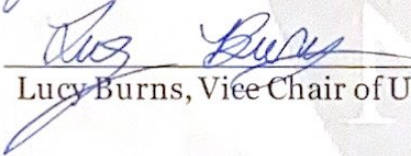
WHEREAS: We recommend that Northern Kentucky University research the University of Louisville and University of Minnesota's sustainability operations and education as successful examples, and

WHEREAS: We believe this office will benefit university stakeholders and our region in fighting environmental crises and strengthening Northern Kentucky University as a regional leader.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER 2021 THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICIAL OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY.

Signed: 
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