

A Resolution

of the Faculty Senate of the University of Cincinnati

March 12, 2009

WHEREAS the University of Cincinnati faculty community recognizes the threat of global warming and resource depletion to the continued viability of our present way of life, as well as to the viability of a high standard of living for future generations around the world, and

WHEREAS the University of Cincinnati faculty community believes that a primary means by which it can lead the efforts to reduce this threat is to substantially reduce the University's carbon footprint, a measure of the institution's consumption of non-renewable resources, ideally to a carbon-neutral state, and

WHEREAS President Zimpher has committed the University to reducing its carbon footprint with her signature to The American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), and

WHEREAS the Office of the President has taken the initiative to coordinate the efforts of faculty, staff, and students to educate the University Community on the ecological challenge, to study and analyze University resource deployment and consumption, and to execute sustainability projects and programs, and

WHEREAS with the departure of President Zimpher for the State University of New York system the University will commence a search for a new president,

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Faculty Senate commends President Zimpher for her leadership in making the University of Cincinnati a more ecologically sustainable institution in its planning and operations and endorses the work of the President's Advisory Council on Environment and Sustainability (PACES). The Senate encourages the Presidential Search Committee and the Board of Trustees, as one of its many considerations, to seek candidates for the presidency of the University who intend to endorse the ACUPCC and to maintain the University's commitment to eventual carbon neutrality and ecologically sustainable operation.