SENATE RESOLUTION #2021

Title: Purchase and Use of Recycled/Tree Free Paper

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Sponsors: Senators Fisher and Kirkbride

1. WHEREAS, the Earth, including the United States, has already lost a

2. significant percentage of its old growth forests; and

3. WHEREAS, old growth forests and tropical forests have important ecological

4. values, as well as an aesthetic value; and

5. WHEREAS, the natural resources of Wyoming are in the common interest of

6. all people, who as trustees of these limited resources, shall preserve them for

7. the benefit of all people, including future generations; and

8. WHEREAS, the growth of Wyoming’s economy and the quality of life,

9. health, and safety of its citizens are dependent on the careful stewardship of

10. natural resources and the protection of the environment; and

11. WHEREAS, the daily activities and operations of the University of Wyoming

12. (UW) have a significant impact on the quality of Wyoming’s environment and

13. use of its natural resources; and

14. WHEREAS, UW is a highly visible model for Wyoming’s citizens,

15. businesses, industries, and local governments; and

16. WHEREAS, UW can demonstrate leadership by incorporating

17. environmentally sustainable practices into its operations that preserve natural

18. resources, conserve energy, eliminate waste and lessen overall environmental
19. impact; and
20. WHEREAS, source reduction, reuse and recycling constitute a key
21. component of environmental sustainability directed at keeping Wyoming’s
22. economy strong for future generations; and
23. WHEREAS, UW is a large consumer of goods and services, which impact the
24. quality of the environment in the course of their manufacture, use and
25. disposal; and
26. WHEREAS, the procurement of environmentally sound goods and services by
27. UW can serve to protect health and safety, reduce energy consumption,
28. conserve natural resources, prevent pollution and promote markets for
29. recyclable materials; and
30. WHEREAS, UW recognizes that in the next few years, new technology will
31. likely bring down the price of tree-free and recycled paper, as well as provide
32. for a wide variety of new options such as old-growth-free and chain-of-
33. custody tracking of all wood and paper products.
34. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of
35. Wyoming that UW be encouraged to purchase paper that meets as many of the
36. following criteria as possible (for potential purchasing options see Addendum
37. A), with the spirit of this policy insisting on meeting all of the attached
38. qualifications (see Addendum B); and
39. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that if a source that meets all of the
40. required criteria is not currently available at a quality suitable for copy
41. machines and printers (even after updating equipment), UW is not encouraged
42. to purchase paper that contains less than 30% post-consumer recycled content;
43. and
44. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that of other paper products, including
45. paper towels and toilet paper, UW is encouraged to purchase only those
46. products that contain recycled content or are tree free; and
47. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that UW is encouraged to explore the use
48. of alternative tree free paper products.

Referred to: Student Issues Committee

Date of Passage: December 10, 2002    Signed: [Signature]

"Being enacted on December 13, 2002, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action." [Signature]

ASUW President
Addendum A

Current available prices for consumers

Supplier:
TREECYCLE Recycled Paper
Bozeman, Montana

Product 1:
Envirographic 100: 1 carton (5000 sheets of paper) at $43.95 ($0.0082 a sheet)

Product 2:
Eureka! 100: 1 carton at $49.95 ($0.00999 a sheet)

Note: Both products are 8.5 x 11, white, 20#, 100% post-consumer & chlorine-free bleaching

Product 3:
Envirographic 100: 1 carton at $52.95 ($0.01059 a sheet)

Note: Product is 8.5 x 11, white, 24/60#, 100% post-consumer & chlorine-free bleaching

For a complete list of prices and products see http://www.treecycle.com

TREECYCLE offers discounts on shipping and/or bulk orders.
Addendum B

Paper Criteria

1. All purchases must contain at least 30% or greater post-consumer recycled content, effective immediately. Over the next 5 years, UW meets the following goals so that by the end of 2008, UW purchases only 100% post-consumer recycled paper or tree free paper.
   - For fiscal year 2005-2006, 50% dollar value of total paper purchases contain 100% post-consumer recycled or tree free content.
   - For fiscal year 2006-2007, 75% dollar value of total paper purchases contain 100% post-consumer recycled or tree free content.
   - For fiscal year 2007-2008, 100% dollar value of total paper purchases contain 100% post-consumer recycled or tree free content.
2. Is certified as Totally Chlorine Free (TCF) or, if not available, Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF).
3. The supplier certifies in writing that any virgin fiber in the paper is not originating from old growth forests.
4. Only contains virgin fiber that comes from a forestry operation that is certified as sustainable. The certifying organization must be an independent, non-profit, non-industry, non-government organization accredited by the Certified Forest Products Council, such as the Forest Stewardship Council. (Note: If this qualification is met, then so is #2, as long as the organization is accredited by the Certified Forest Products Council).

Note: Steps 3 and 4 can be skipped entirely if all paper purchased by UW is 100% post-consumer recycled or tree free paper.