

SENATE RESOLUTION #2022

Title: Reduction of paper use and waste

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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
4. ecological values, as well as an aesthetic value; and
5. WHEREAS, the natural resources of Wyoming are in the common
6. interest of all people, who as trustees of these limited resources, shall
7. preserve them for 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
13. and 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
18. natural resources, conserve energy, eliminate waste and lessen overall

19. environmental 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

24. the quality of the environment in the course of their manufacture, use,

25. and disposal; and

26. WHEREAS, the procurement of environmentally sound goods and services

27. by 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

31. will likely bring down the price of tree free and recycled paper, as well as

32. provide for a wide variety of new options such as old-growth-free and chain-

33. of- 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 mandate that copies and printouts are

36. double-sided, in order to reduce paper use by potentially 50%; and

37. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that when updating equipment (printers,

38. copies, etc.), UW be encouraged to replace all equipment that is not capable of

39. printing double-sided with equipment that is capable and strive to have the

40. replacement completed by 2012; and

41. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that UW be encouraged to avoid

42. unnecessary printing or photocopying of printed materials; and
43. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that UW be encouraged to discourage the
44. use of disposable products where reusable products are available and
45. economically viable for use; and
46. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that UW be encouraged to, to the extent
47. feasible, use electronic media such as voice mail, e-mail and the Internet to
48. circulate or distribute routine announcements; memoranda, documents,
49. reports, forms, manuals and publications (e.g., On Course Progress
50. Reports); and
51. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that UW be encouraged to educate and
52. encourage employee participation in waste reduction and recycling programs;
53. and
54. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that UW be encouraged to install hand
55. dryers in all restrooms where it is architecturally and financially possible and
56. in the future, remodel and build structures in a way that allows for hand dryer
57. installation.

Referred to: Student Issues Committee

Date of Passage: December 10, 2002

Signed: _____

Lou Reed

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on December 13, 2002, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action.”

Keith Sapp
ASUW President