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**University of Central Florida  
Fiftieth Student Body Senate  
Resolution 50-23**

[Resolution Urging The University of Central Florida to Become a Platinum-Ranking AASHE Stars Institution by the Year 2020]

1 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.1 (F) (4) states that the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee is to be in constant review of  
2 student affairs and matters including, but not limited to, educational, environmental, economic, transportation, health, and  
3 safety concerns on and beyond the University of Central Florida campuses that affects the students at the University of  
4 Central Florida;  
5 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 5.1 (B) (2) states that a Resolution pertains to every measure expressing the sentiment of  
6 the elected Senate of the Student Government Association who represent the 66,183 students of the University of  
7 Central Florida (UCF);  
8 **WHEREAS**, The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) was formed in  
9 2005 in order to serve as the first professional organization for North America's campus sustainability community;  
10 **WHEREAS**, In February 2007, President Hitt pledged that UCF would become carbon neutral by the year 2050 in  
11 UCF's Climate Action Plan;  
12 **WHEREAS**, In 2010, AASHE launched the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS)  
13 program for universities to benchmark and transparently self-report their sustainability efforts and gain recognition  
14 for significant sustainability leadership;  
15 **WHEREAS**, In 2017, UCF was awarded a Silver ranking for our performance on the STARS program;  
16 **WHEREAS**, Committing to becoming a Platinum-ranking AASHE STARS institution will help UCF reach or  
17 exceed its goal to become carbon neutral by the year 2050;  
18 **WHEREAS**, Platinum ranking can be acquired through improving scores in the following STARS categories:  
19 Curriculum, Research, Campus Engagement, Public Engagement, Air and Climate, Buildings, Energy, Food and  
20 Dining, Landscaping, Purchasing, Transportation, Waste, Water, Coordination and Planning, Diversity and  
21 Affordability, Investment and Finance, Wellbeing and Work, Exemplary Practice, and Innovation; and  
22 **WHEREAS**, Actions undertaken to become a more sustainable University will produce many benefits including  
23 improving the well-being of the environment by reducing carbon emissions, improving waste management,  
24 improving our curriculum and research, extending our campus and public engagement, as well as creating a healthier  
25 food production system for students, faculty, and staff;  
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27 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That it is the opinion of the Fiftieth Student Senate of the University of  
28 Central Florida that President Hitt and the Board of Trustees continue our commitment to the Climate Action  
29 Plan by signing an agreement that the University of Central Florida will commit to becoming a Platinum-ranking  
30 AASHE STARS institution by the year 2020; and  
31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to UCF President Hitt, Chairman Marcos R.  
32 Marchena, Vice Chairman Robert A. Garvy, Ken Bradly, Dr. Clarence H. Brown III, MD, Joseph Conte, Student  
33 Body President Nick Larkins, John Lord, Alex Martins, Beverly J. Seay, William Self, John Sprouls, David Walsh,  
34 William Yeargin, Provost Whittaker, Yara Watson Colon, Curtis Sawyer, Krishna Singh, William F. Merck  
35 II, Commissioner Emily Bonilla, City of Orlando Director of Sustainability Chris Castro, Kaye-Alese Green, Lee  
36 Kernek, Susan B. Hutson, David Norvell, E. Allen Bottorff, II, Renee Michel, Duane Siemen, Bill Martin, Dr. Patrick  
37 Bohlen, Katherine Gay, Curtis Wade, Mayor Buddy Dyer, and Montel Watson.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

  
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Senate President  
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Date

  
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Senate President Pro Tempore  
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Date