

**Revised Sustainability Resolution at IU East
December 2019**

Rationale for putting forward the resolution

1. Whereas the Paris Agreement on climate change (2015); the International Panel on Climate Change Report (2018); and the Fourth National Climate Assessment Report by the US Global Change Research Program (2018) have all warned of the catastrophic dangers to humans and the earth if climate change is not addressed;
2. Whereas Indiana and other Midwest legislators are leading and participating in the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucuses in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House;
3. Whereas IU is internationally recognized as an Innovative University in *Reuters' Top 100: The World's Most Innovative Universities*;
4. Whereas Core Value 7 of the IU Bicentennial Strategic Plan commits to “Sustainability, stewardship, and accountability for the natural, human, and economic resources and relationships entrusted to IU”;
5. Whereas Action Items of the Strategic Plan include the goal “to solidify IU’s focus on efficient and environmentally conscious campus design and operation”;
6. Whereas “Global Stewardship” and development of an “IUE campus Sustainability Initiative” is named as part of Strategic Priority 3 of IU East’s Strategic Plan (2016);
7. Whereas the mission of several IU East Schools and Programs is to develop global citizens;
8. Whereas, recognizing how current and future university students have made climate concerns and sustainable practices a high priority, as evidenced, for example, by the international student-led Global Climate Strikes;

Now, therefore be it resolved that

IU East, through collaborations of its constituent groups in administration, faculty, staff, and students, will work cooperatively to

1. prioritize sustainability and a climate action-plan as major, long-term goals of the IU East campus, in all planning;
2. actively support the work of the Sustainability Council, the IU East Office of Sustainability, and future academic programs in sustainability, such as the Collaborative B.A. in Sustainability Studies;
3. anticipate the post-carbon, sustainable economic era and preserve fiscal responsibility while pursuing the goal of carbon neutrality;
4. create effective synergy between administration, faculty, staff, and students as we implement and model sustainable best-practices and use of renewable resources to the IU East campus, student body, and wider community, for the *next* 50 years and beyond; and
5. as a campus, collaborate on achieving the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2040, ahead of what is advocated by the International Panel on Climate Change Report.