

BFA Climate Science & Education Committee (CSEC) Notice of Motion
Resolution in Support of Urgent Climate Change Action
BFA-R-1-100923

WHEREAS climate change is an urgent, global issue that requires immediate and accelerated action, not only to limit global average temperature increase to below 1.5°C by the end of the century, but also to limit irreversible and catastrophic impacts;¹ and

WHEREAS new research indicates that environmental stresses are already occurring and may bring about ecosystem collapses much sooner than expected;² and

WHEREAS eight states, the District of Columbia, and dozens of municipalities including the City of Boulder, have initiated lawsuits in both state and federal courts based on credible evidence that fossil fuel companies have knowingly misinformed the public about the dangers of continuing to produce and to consume their products;³ and

WHEREAS many publishers of popular media, who rely on and succumb to advertiser pressure, demonstrate a reluctance to prioritize informing the public of the climate change emergency; and

WHEREAS many policy makers are beholden to fossil fuel donors and consequently delay implementation of systemic changes that reduce greenhouse gasses (GHG) in agriculture, power generation, and transportation; and

WHEREAS the CU Boulder campus, although a recognized leader in student environmental action and faculty climate research, still lags behind many other universities in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions and in decreasing its investment and overall support for fossil fuel companies; therefore

BE IT REE that University of Colorado Boulder faculty endorse prioritizing climate change and sustainability actions to be the central focus of our campus-wide initiatives, to be implemented as follows:

³ <http://porfil.com/news/2015/05/14/hsuit-climate-change-blimore> ; [http://stateimpactcenter.org/issues/climate-actions/suits-against-oil-companies](http://comnews.org/trending/2015/05/14/http://stateimpactcenter.org/issues/climate-actions/suits-against-oil-companies) ; <http://agag/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bnta-announces-against-oil-and-gs-companies>



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