

Resolution: In Support of Fossil Fuel Divestment

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WHEREAS: Earth risks climate disaster if it does not reduce its atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration from 396 parts per million (ppm) to below 350 ppm this century.

WHEREAS: Macalester has prioritized sustainability initiatives on campus and recognized the urgency of action on climate change (through the commitment to Carbon Neutrality by 2025, Zero Waste by 2020, and by signing onto the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment).

WHEREAS: Macalester's value of global citizenship teaches responsible stewardship of the Earth and all those who reside on it. Macalester's divestment from the fossil fuel industry would align its institutional behavior with the academic mission and core values of the college.

WHEREAS: Divestment from the fossil fuel industry would promote a national conversation on the role of the fossil fuel industry in profiting from the destruction of the environment and the industry's use of the political process to hinder the development of alternative energy sources.

WHEREAS: Macalester College Student Government (MCSG) is a resource for students to advance their concerns and has the ability to promulgate the college's value of global citizenship through its decisions.

THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, That MCSG urges Macalester College to initiate a process to explore socially and fiscally responsible divestment from the fossil fuel industry.

RESOLVED, That by exploring divestment, Macalester College can stimulate dialogue about global warming and maintain its reputation as a national leader in climate action as a form of global citizenship.