

**RESOLUTION OF THE
FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
REGARDING SUSTAINABILITY**

WHEREAS, The University of Florida has an existing and growing commitment to a protecting the environment for present and future generations, under the umbrella of UF's strong commitment to sustainability, as evidenced by the following:

- UF is actively promoting the holistic integration of sustainability throughout its operations, education, research, and outreach. The campus was the inaugural host of Florida's *Best Practices in Campus and Community Sustainability* conference in 2006.
- UF's 2006 *commitment to LEED-silver criteria in all new construction* has resulted in two Gold-certified buildings, 8 certified buildings, and the development of a 32-building LEED-EB portfolio for energy efficiency in renovations.
- The *Florida Institute for Sustainable Energy* brings together 150 faculty to develop new technologies – from fuel cells, batteries, and solar cells to biofuels and nuclear power – in order to create a sustainable energy future for Florida and the world.
- In October 2006, J. Bernard Machen was the first university president to sign the *American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment* to develop a plan for achieving carbon neutrality on campus.
- Gator Dining Services sources upwards of 30% of the food served in campus dining halls from regional growers, *reducing the carbon footprint of the food served and supporting the regional agricultural economy.*
- The EPA named UF one of the *Best Workplaces for Commuters* in 2006, honoring the university's commitment to promoting alternative modes of transportation for the more than 50,000 daily visitors to campus, including ride-sharing, fare-free transit, and pedestrian and bicycle safety programs. UF also stocks biodiesel and E85 ethanol on campus for use in fleet vehicles.
- Florida's *award-winning commitment to sustainability* is supported by an Office of Sustainability, a Sustainability Committee, a Faculty Fellow in Sustainability, more than 15 student groups committed to leading change toward sustainability, a coalition of Greeks Going Green, and a student government elected on a sustainability platform; and

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Charlie Crist has in 2007 proposed several initiatives for the State of Florida and for State Government pertaining to the environment and generally referred to as "Green Initiatives";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT in light of The University of Florida's commitment to sustainability, the Faculty Senate supports the State of Florida's Green Initiatives.