

**Introduced By:** Governmental Affairs Committee  
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Pro Tempore Lipinski  
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Senator Lusk  
Senator Robinson

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**First Reading:** Adopted in Committee 1/31/08

**Committee Action:** Passed favorably (9-0-0)

**Second Reading:** 1/31/08

**Third Reading:**

**Final Vote:**

**University of Central Florida  
Fortieth Student Body Senate  
Resolution 40-11**

(Resolution Calling for a Referendum Election on Creating a Sustainability Fund through the Implementation of a “Green Fee”)

.01 **Whereas**, Student Government is committed to investigating matters of environmental concern through the Governmental Affairs Committee of  
.02 the Student Senate and the SGA Environmental Sustainability Coordinator;  
.03 **Whereas**, The Student Senate has in the past committed itself to supporting sustainable practices by endorsing *The Declaration of Independence*  
.04 *from Dirty Energy* in Resolution 39-08;  
.05 **Whereas**, President John Hitt committed UCF to sustainability and carbon neutrality by signing the *American College & University Presidents*  
.06 *Climate Commitment*;  
.07 **Whereas**, Continued advancements in sustainable practices will set UCF apart as a leader in the national push toward cleaner energy;  
.08 **Whereas**, UCF currently does not have a fund to promote efforts of energy efficiency and sustainability throughout its campuses;  
.09 **Whereas**, A campus sustainability fund would provide reliable funding for initiatives such as energy efficient appliances, energy efficient green  
.10 buildings, water conservation, investments in renewable energy sources, energy-saving renovations for existing structures, green roofs, composting,  
.11 on-campus recycling, bicycle protection and repair, student gardens, green educational efforts, and other measures that will reduce costs and  
.12 provide more services to students;  
.13 **Whereas**, A campus sustainability fund would provide for the implementation of renewable and efficient energy practices that would save the  
.15 university, and subsequently the student body, a significant amount of money on energy expenditures;  
.16 **Whereas**, A campus sustainability fund would provide for the implementation of renewable and efficient energy practices that would reduce waste  
.17 and the university’s ecological and carbon footprints;  
.18 **Whereas**, Numerous universities and student bodies throughout the country have implemented or endorsed via referenda the concept of a small  
.19 “green fee” to create a sustainability fund for their campuses in recent years, including the University of Florida, New College of Florida,  
.20 University of Tennessee, Virginia Tech, University of California at Berkley, and numerous others; and  
.21 **Whereas**, It would benefit the UCF community to assess student opinion on the creation of a sustainability fund and green free at UCF;  
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.23 **Therefore, be it**  
.24 **Resolved**, That the Fortieth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida calls for a referendum election to be held during the Spring 2008  
.25 Presidential Election through a two-thirds vote on this resolution;  
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.27 **Be it Further Resolved**, That the referendum ballot question on myUCF shall read:  
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.29 Are you in favor of creating a student “green fee” of 75 cents per-credit-hour (about \$9 per semester) to generate a campus “Sustainability  
.30 Fund”?  
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.32 **Be it Further Resolved**, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Crist, members of the Florida Legislature, members of the Board of  
.33 Governors, members of the Board of Trustees, President Hitt, Vice President Holsenbeck, Vice President Merck, Associate Vice President Kernek,  
.34 Physical Plant Interim Director Watson, Physical Plant Assistant Director Norvell, Physical Plant Assistant Director Wormwood, Landscape and  
.35 Natural Resources Director Quigley, Environmental Steward Bernard, and Dean Morrison-Shetlar.  
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**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

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Brian Peterson  
Speaker of the Senate

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Date

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Jennifer Lipinski  
Senate President Pro Tempore

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Date