

**WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

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Proposal to Encourage Wake Forest University to Make All New Construction Buildings and
Major Renovations LEED Gold Certified

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RESOLUTION

1 **WHEREAS:** Sustainability is essential moving forward to reduce carbon emissions, energy
2 consumption, and water usage. Additionally, many sustainability commitments from various
3 universities, companies, and organizations have been made to improve the health and quality of
4 life for the citizens of the world, and;

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6 **WHEREAS:** LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program) is an
7 internationally recognized benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of sustainable
8 buildings. A LEED certification demonstrates that the particular building is environmentally
9 conscious. There are four different levels of LEED certification: certified, silver, gold, and
10 platinum. Wake Forest has already committed to making all new construction projects LEED
11 silver certified, and;

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13 **WHEREAS:** Many of our peer institutions, such as Vanderbilt University and Duke University
14 among others, have constructed dozens of new LEED gold certified buildings, and;

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16 **WHEREAS:** In an effort to ensure a more sustainable and environmentally friendly campus for
17 future generations and the need for prominent leadership in the area of sustainability in higher

education, and;

WHEREAS: In the spirit of Pro Humanitate, Wake Forest University has the responsibility to continually spearhead environmental initiatives in order to best advocate for the wellbeing of the Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, and North Carolina communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) We urge Wake Forest administrators to commit to making all new university construction projects and major renovations at least LEED gold certified.

Respectfully Submitted,

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