RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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