

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF BRYANT UNIVERSITY

IN THE SPRING SEMESTER OF 2021

A RESOLUTION

Requesting that Bryant University, under the guidance of President Ross Gittell and/or his designee in conjunction with student and faculty representatives, reevaluate Bryant University's environmental impact and act on the three action items listed below:

1. Commission and publicly release the university Sustainability Report, including the environmental impact, carbon footprint, and status of current sustainability measures by the start of the Fall 2021 semester.
2. Establish an Office of Campus Sustainability or similar
3. Publicly release a multi-step action plan for Bryant University to become carbon neutral within ten years.

WHEREAS, students expect higher education institutions to be more sustainable.

WHEREAS, the most recent sustainability report published and available online by Bryant University was published on September 4th, 2018.

WHEREAS, corporations, higher education and government agencies alike are actively striving towards more sustainable practices and carbon neutrality.

WHEREAS, almost all of the universities and colleges who have accomplished carbon neutrality have taken in excess of 10 years – the time is now or Bryant could fall behind.

WHEREAS, sustainable practices can lead to a healthier and happier community on campus.

WHEREAS, sustainable practices can lead to extensive cost and resource savings on campus.

WHEREAS, international agreements such as the Kyoto-protocol, Paris climate accords and others are likely to lead to more stringent environmental regulations.

WHEREAS, Bryant University would have a competitive advantage if they accomplished carbon neutrality.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Hagenow, Senator of the Bryant University Student Government, has requested the support of the Student Government for Bryant University to accomplish the goals herein listed. Now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED, by the Student Government of Bryant University, President Ross Gittel, and/or his designee, in conjunction with student and faculty representatives, reevaluate our universities sustainability efforts both on campus(s) surrounding community and the world as a whole. The Student Government in representing the student body, is requesting that Bryant University acts on the three action items listed below:

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Ranking Member of the Student Senate



President of the Student Government

VOTE COUNT:

20 Yea

1 Nay

1 Abstention