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AR 7: In Support of Establishing a Student-Majority Committee to Oversee and Allocate the Newly Created Green Fund

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WHEREAS, The 81st Texas State Legislature passed HB 3353, giving the Board of Regents the ability to charge each student an environmental service fee if students approve it¹; and,

WHEREAS, The Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin passed AB10 in November 2009, and the student body ratified the Green Fund Referendum in Spring 2010 with a 71.07% student vote majority²; and,

WHEREAS, Bill AB10 states, "A campus committee with majority student representation would oversee the Green Fund;"³ therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin supports the creation of a nine member student-majority committee - all with voting rights - to oversee, allocate, and manage the funds generated by the Green Fund Referendum; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this committee shall have six student members: two students appointed by the Student Government, one graduate student appointed by the Graduate Student Assembly, one student appointed by the Campus Environmental Center, and two students at-large appointed by the Green Fund Committee; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this committee shall also have three non-student members, including one faculty member appointed by the Provost, one staff member appointed by the Office of Student Affairs, and one staff member appointed by University Operations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this committee be created and that all members, with the exception of the at-large student members, be selected by September 1, and that the fund be allocated as soon as possible; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Green Fund Committee shall establish its own bylaws, guidelines, and online resources; as well as, determine job descriptions, be responsible for soliciting applications for the student-at-large position, and determine if other staff members are to be hired; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be sent to the Office of the Vice President for University Operations, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the University of Texas System Board of Regents, the Office of the President, the Graduate Student Assembly, the Campus Environmental Center, and the Office of the Senior Associate Vice President of Campus Planning and Facilities Management.

1: HB 3353: An Act Relating to Environmental Service Fee at Public Institutions of Higher Education

2: University of Texas - Austin: Student Government Election Results

3: AB 10: Referendum In Support of the Creation of a Campus Green Fund