

Gustavus Adolphus College Divest Task Force Resolution

From: Gustavus Adolphus College Student Senate

Topic: Student Senate urges the creation of a Presidential Task Force focused on the financial and ethical plausibility of fossil fuel divestment and reinvestment

WHEREAS:

- Student Senate is charged with upholding Gustavus Adolphus College's values of excellence, community, justice, service, and faith
- Gustavus' five pillars challenge us to respond to the issue of climate change
- Members of the Gustavus community past, present, and future will be negatively impacted by climate change
- A growing number of institutions including many colleges have divested from fossil fuels in an effort to combat climate change
- Student and Academic Affairs Committee was charged with ascertaining the financial plausibility of divesting
- Student and Academic Affairs Committee came to the conclusion that divestment is worth investigating for the college and that the committee was not qualified to make a decision on plausibility due to a lack of access to Gustavus' finances as well as an absence of expertise
- Student Senate recognizes the difficulties in commissioning a task force
- Student and Academic Affairs voted unanimously for the formation of a Presidential Task Force on Divestment as the most informed method of making a decision
- Student Senate decided that sending a resolution to President Bergman and the Board of Trustees would be the best form of delivery for the formation of a task force

BE IT RESOLVED:

- We as Student Senate urge President Bergman and the Board of Trustees to cooperatively form a Task Force charged with investigating the financial and ethical plausibility of divesting from fossil fuels and reinvesting in socially and environmentally responsible ways