Faculty Senate Resolution Requesting the University of Vermont and Affiliated Organizations Divest from Fossil Fuels

WHEREAS, the Faculty, including those who study climate change science and the impacts of climate change, recognize the local and global impacts of climate change as a critical policy issue.

WHEREAS, continued investments in the fossil fuel industry are counter to the University of Vermont’s ethos as a green university with a demonstrated commitment to the principles of sustainability.

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate acknowledges that maintaining fiduciary responsibility in the past has included disinvestment in such things as tobacco companies and those doing business in South Africa due to apartheid.

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate voted in support of the March 2013 student resolution calling on the Board to divest from all fossil fuel investments.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Faculty Senate reaffirms its support for divestment from the fossil fuel industry investments and requests Board action in 2020.