

Resolution recommending that the California State University, Long Beach
become a signatory to the
American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment

Whereas, the Academic Senate is deeply concerned about the unprecedented scale and speed of global warming and its potential for large-scale, adverse health, social, economic and ecological effects. We recognize the scientific consensus that global warming is real and is largely caused by humans. We further recognize the need to reduce the global emission of greenhouse gases by 80% by the end of the century at the latest, in order to avert the worst impacts of global warming and to reestablish the more stable climatic conditions that have made human progress over the last 10,000 years possible, and

Whereas, we understand that there might be short-term challenges associated with this effort, we believe that there will be great short-term, medium, and long-term economic, health, social and environmental benefits, including achieving energy independence for the U.S. as quickly as possible, and

Whereas, we believe colleges and universities must exercise leadership in their communities and throughout society by modeling ways to minimize global warming emissions, and by providing the knowledge and the educated graduate