

BFA General Assembly Notice of Motion Resolution to Support Youth Climate Action BFA-R-1-090519

Whereas the Faculty of the University of Colorado Boulder acknowledged in a December 2016 resolution (BFA-R-120116) that there is overwhelming evidence that changes in the climate over the past century are due to human activities;

Whereas greenhouse gas emissions have already put the planet on a track for substantial further changes in climate;

Whereas this convergent agreement has been voiced by nearly 200 leading scientific organizations worldwide;

Whereas nearly every country around the world has signed and ratified the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement committing to hold global temperature increases below 2°C above preindustrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit this to 1.5°C;

Whereas this strong and consistent evidence demands urgent action now, in the context of demands for action from leading businesses, universities, governments and civil society around the world;

Whereas youth around the world have begun to demonstrate their concerns for the protection of climate and environment; be it therefore

Resolved, that we acknowledge their concerns are warranted and justified by the best available science, and that we as Boulder Faculty respect and support peaceful and non-violent youth voices demanding urgent confrontations with the causes and consequences of climate change.

Submitted by BFA Representatives:

Max Boykoff, Kris Karnauskas, Jim Meiss, Shelly Miller, & Steve Nerem on behalf of
the CU Boulder Faculty Climate Science and Education Committee: August 28, 2019
Submitted to the BFA General Assembly: September 5, 2019
Resolution passed unanimously by BFA Assembly Representatives with forty-five members in attendance:
October 3, 2019

This Resolution has been approved by the following University of Colorado groups:

- Climate Reality Campus Corps of CU Boulder
- CU Chapter for Citizens' Climate Lobby
- United Government of Graduate Students
- Boulder Campus Staff Council

It is also under consideration for support by the University of Colorado Student Government