

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Statement outlining Student Assembly's unanimous support to stand in solidarity with the Climate Strike on Friday, September 19th

Background

During a meeting on September 16th, a representative from the Climate Strike Committee, which is a group of organizations asked the Assembly to endorse the platform that they were putting forward. It addressed the following: global solidarity and action from the United States government, local government, and Hamilton College.

Millions of people across the planet are walking out of their schools and places of work to declare that the climate crisis is the single most urgent, universal threat our species has ever faced. We demand action on a scale greater than ever seen before. The answers to the climate crisis must not only bring us to carbon neutrality quickly, but also do so in an equitable way that respects the dignity of frontline communities, which include people of color, womxn, LGBTQ+, indigenious peoples, and those living in the most climate disaster prone areas. We will continue to protest, strike, vote, and organize with increasing intensity until these goals are achieved. In the United State of America, we endorse a Green New Deal and other policies that aim for climate justice. In the State of New York, we call upon all elected and public officials to ensure that the newly passed Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act be implemented to the fullest extent possible, and that members of frontline communities are given a strong voice in said implementation. We further call upon all members of government that represent Hamilton College's students to consider and weigh heavily the climate impact of every single decision they make in office. We call upon the Hamilton College Board of Trustees to fully divest the endowment from all companies involved in the extraction, production, and/or distribution of fossil fuels, and then invest an equal or greater amount into renewable energy with the stated purpose of protecting our species and planet. Further, we ask that the College commit to considering the climate impact of companies or individuals it leases land to. We also encourage greater transparency in this process. Finally, we ask that the college move its carbon-neutral goal from 2050 to 2030. We urge the Board of Trustees to listen to these concerns from students and faculty in-person at their next on-campus meeting.

Statement of Support

The Student Assembly of Hamilton College, in its last session, voted unanimously to stand in solidarity with all those across the globe who rally to protect our environment and planet.

We strongly encourage all members of the student body and faculty to participate in this Friday's "Climate Strike," and urge every individual to make an effort to engage in the event's discourse



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and activism. Climate change poses an immense threat to our way of life, and it is imperative we work to combat this on every level, from our campus to our nation and beyond.

Your representatives look forward to standing alongside you this Friday at noon in front of Commons.

Thank you.

