WHEREAS, the University of Washington and its faculty, staff, and students recognize that we share a responsibility to act as a positive force for the enhancement of the local and global environment; and

WHEREAS, the Provost and the Executive Vice President (EVP) established the University of Washington Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC) in 2004 with staff support to help to advise the President and Provost on useful, feasible standards and goals as well as emerging opportunities; and

WHEREAS, ESAC has successfully responded to this charge through extensive discussions and formal recommendations to the Provost and Executive Vice President contained in its Annual Reports of 2005, 2006, and 2007; and,

WHEREAS, additional faculty participation, energy, and support is vital for engaging the UW community in a wide spectrum of new activities and research into technical and social issues related to stewardship, and for which the active participation of the Faculty will make a significant contribution; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Faculty Senate applauds and endorses ESAC’s collaborative team of students, faculty and representatives of administrative units to successfully promote environmental stewardship at UW during the past three years; and

2. The Faculty Senate strongly supports steps toward stewardship already implemented by the offices of the President and Provost, as well as by various departments, institutes, and programs across much of the campus; and

3. The Faculty Senate encourages the President, the Provost, and the Senior Vice President to expand the scope of planning, coordination, implementation, and evaluation of best stewardship practices, and to provide the resources that may be needed to foster the participation of the entire UW community; and

4. The Faculty Senate urges the Provost and the Senior Vice President to facilitate the exchange of new ideas and best practices in which ESAC undertakes an active role in the comprehensive review, evaluation, oversight, promotion, and dissemination to the UW community and beyond; and

5. The Faculty Senate stands ready to collaborate in new initiatives to the extent that resources permit, including frequent liaison activities through the Faculty Committee on University Facilities and Services (FCUFS), ESAC, and similar standing committees and task forces.

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