

## **Resolution Calling for the Renaming of the Consortium for Clean Coal Utilization**

11 November 2009

Whereas, In December of 2008, Washington University in St. Louis became the chair of the international Consortium for Clean Coal Utilization, which is funded by grants of \$5 million from Arch Coal, \$5 million from Peabody Energy and \$2 million from Ameren;

Whereas, The term "Clean Coal" is an industry marketing term intended to obscure negative effects of coal extraction, combustion, and disposal;

Whereas, The use of said term may invite doubt regarding the integrity of the research the Consortium conducts;

Whereas, University students have recently formed the Washington University Climate Justice Alliance, a coalition of over ten student groups concerned about climate change as a social justice issue, that has channeled widespread student support for changing the name of the Consortium;

Whereas, The Student Union supports the research being done by the Consortium to develop safer and more effective coal utilization technology; and therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Student Union strongly urges the Washington University administration to change the name of the Consortium for Clean Coal Utilization; and be it further

*Resolved*, That more appropriate potential names for the Consortium are the Coal Energy Research Group or Coal and Environment Research Center; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Student Union urges that the Consortium's research into future uses of coal include studies of the social and environmental effects of its extraction, combustion, and disposal; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Executive Advisor for Sustainability in addition to a Senator appointed by the Speaker of the Senate shall serve as liaisons to the Washington University Climate Justice Alliance.

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