POWER USE RESOLUTION

Whereas, very high utility costs are affecting the University's ability to fund programs;

Whereas, substantial power savings are possible by the actions of individuals;

Whereas, human nature requires incentives if sensible but troublesome actions are to be taken; and

Whereas, the University is not yet in a position to allocate energy expenses by department or college; therefore be it resolved

That, the Faculty Senate calls upon all faculty and staff of Texas A&M University to take reasonable steps to reduce unnecessary power usage, such as turning off unused lights and office equipment;

That, the Faculty Senate calls upon the University administration to implement an incentive program which will encourage faculty and staff to take troublesome energy saving steps;

That, the Faculty Senate calls upon the University administration to expand and speed up the retrofitting of campus buildings to make them more energy efficient, and to add equipment such as motion detectors to automatically turn off unused lights and equipment;

That, the Faculty Senate calls upon the University administration to expand its study of current energy costs to include metering energy use by every building individually;

That, the Faculty Senate calls upon the University administration to modify its bursary rules to encourage the purchase of more energy efficient equipment when new equipment is being ordered; and

That, the Faculty Senate calls for the creation of a committee of faculty, students, and staff to be charged with finding ways to make integrated changes of campus culture and building modifications to maximize energy savings.

Approved by the Budget Information Committee, 05/10/01