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Resolution 02-4-S
Tree Free Paper Campus Campaign
March 5, 2002

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University requests that the University adopt a tree free paper purchasing policy.

WHEREAS: Ninety-five percent of the old growth forests in the world have already been lost to logging and human exploitation. The remaining forests and the wildlife that depend upon it are being threatened by a rapid rate of logging at the present time, and

WHEREAS: Currently, departments purchase paper from such companies as Boise Cascade, Weyerhaeuser and Unisource, a subsidiary of Georgia-Pacific, and

WHEREAS: All three, as indicated by the World Resource Institute, Rainforest Action Network and the Environmental News Network, are major clear-cutters of old growth forests in the Southern United States, the Amazon basin, Canada, South East Asia and Australia, and

WHEREAS: This campaign encourages the University to reconsider its support of clear-cutting or logging of these old growth forests. It acknowledges the support among student organizations to increase recycled paper content on campus, and

WHEREAS: The following organizations have endorsed the idea of tree free paper purchasing: Celebrate Activism Now, Diversity Coalition, Resident/Housing Association, and the Geography Club.





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THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we, the members of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University, do hereby request that the university adopt a tree free paper purchase policy.

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