

Boulder Faculty Assembly
Resolution to Address Climate Change
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Whereas the Faculty of the University of Colorado Boulder acknowledges there is overwhelming evidence that changes in the climate over the past century are due to human activities; and

Whereas these emissions have already put the planet on a track for substantial further changes in climate; and

Whereas this convergent agreement has been voiced by nearly 200 leading scientific organizations worldwide¹ including the US National Academy of Sciences (NAS), the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the American Astronomical Society (AAS), the American Geophysical Union (AGU), the American Meteorological Society (AMS), the American Physical Society (APS), the Geological Society of America (GSA), the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and

Whereas this strong and consistent evidence demands urgent action now, in the context of demands for action from leading businesses², universities, governments, and civil society around the world; be it therefore

Resolved, that we encourage our campus community to work constructively, using our human ingenuity, creativity and collaborative capabilities, to confront and support solutions – including mitigation and adaptation – to address the effects of changes to our global and regional climates.

From an ad-hoc committee of BFA members:
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¹ https://www.opr.ca.gov/s_listoforganizations.php

² examples include Unilever, General Mills, Nike, and Dupont: <http://www.lowcarbonusa.org/>.