Path to Sustainable Investment

Sierra Student Coalition: Energy Investments

Coal-Free by 2020 Commitment

May 4, 2010



"Universities...must lead the transition away from fossil fuels and towards clean energy"

- Former Chancellor Holden Thorp

Network of Support



Building support among students, faculty, staff, and alumni

Endowment Forum

Nov. 28, 2012



"We should focus on what we CAN do: we can focus more on green energy and clean energy"

- John King, CEO, UNC Management Company.

Student Referendum Feb. 12, 2013

Student Congress Resolution Mar. 7, 2013



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Say 'yes' to divest

Vote yes on the Feb. 12 referendum to divest UNC from coal.

S tudents will vote on a referencium asking if they support UNC's \$2.1 billion endowment getting rid of its investments in the coal industry on Feb. 12. If you want to carry forward our University's tradition of student leadership on climate justice and environmental action, you should vote yes.

While our political leaders fail to address climate change, the latest National Climate Assessment raises the terrifying prospect of the planet warming by as much as 8 degrees Fahrenheit within the next 90 years if carbon emissions keep rising.

The environmental and public health impacts of



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Coal isn't just the dirtiest, most carbon-intensive fossil fuel on the planet — it's also a declining industry and a dangerous investment. That's why a new analysis shows divesting from the 15 major U.S. coal mining and coal-fired utility companies would have

committee Students Working for Environmental Action and Transformation urged UNC to adopt a policy against purchasing coal extracted through mountaintop removal coal mining. In 2010, a student campaign successfully pushed Chancellor Holden Thorp to commit to end coal use by 2020 at UNC's oncampus power plant.

Divestment was a successful tactic once before. In the 1980s students campaigned for years (and even engaged in civil disobedience) to get UNC's endowment to divest from the apartheid regime in South Africa.

Next Tuesday's coal divestment referendum isn't binding, but it can send a clear of game time ha all seats that are able, not just in section, will be students.

This policy w efit students wh able to go and s fellow Tar Heels as the players w be encouraged h instead of being ed by empty seat

Ticket sales whurt. Tickets are that far into the sunused purchase are not likely to h

Let's fill the en and cheer the Tar victory.

> Ellen M Psycholi

SPEAK OUT

WRITING GUIDEL

- · Please type: Hand
- · Sign and date: No
- Students: Include

Consistent, campus-wide student support

Presentation to Board of Trustees

Sept. 25, 2013



Idea broadly favored; further information requested

UNC system President Tom Ross



"I hope that...(the UNC System)... will keep their commitment to explore...opportunities to invest in clean, more affordable energy."

- UNC System President Tom Ross

The Future of Energy and Energy Investments Panel

Apr. 14, 2014



"Investments in renewable energy are growing...the reason they are growing is because they are attractive, they are providing good returns." - *Dr. Carol Hee*

Statement of Support for Positive Investment

"To promote economic growth, energy independence and environmental and public health, we recommend that the University target investments in clean energy."

Questions?

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