

Resolution to Advocate Environmentally Conscious Paper Usage at Washington University

WHEREAS, course materials have been increasingly diverted from prepared, double-sided course packets to electronic sources such as course websites, E-Reserves, and Prometheus for students to print on their own;

WHEREAS, the majority of printers at Washington University print on only one side of a sheet;

WHEREAS, decreasing paper usage would reduce financial burden on the University as well as environmental impact;

WHEREAS, no proprietary printers and copiers on campus currently utilize paper with post-consumer recycled content;

WHEREAS, switching to environmentally conscious paper will decrease the impact of University operation and will support the market for such paper;

WHEREAS, Corporate Express, the primary provider of office materials for the University, provides a 30% post-consumer recycled paper product named EarthSaver;

WHEREAS, Kinko's, the University's primary provider of copying services, offers 100% post-consumer recycled content and processed chlorine-free paper (stock R100) at no additional cost to its standard 10% post-consumer recycled content option;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Union of Washington University strongly urges that each Washington University school, department, and office immediately switch to purchasing paper made of a minimum 30% post-consumer recycled content processed chlorine-free; actively procure duplex printing accessories or replace current single-sided printers with duplex printers; utilize R100 whenever possible; and will educate its members to reduce paper and toner usage.

RESOLVED that the Student Union will switch to paper made of minimum 30% post-consumer recycled content processed chlorine-free; will actively replace single-sided printers with duplex printers; will utilize R100 whenever possible; and will educate its members to reduce paper and toner usage.

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