Moving Beyond Coal
Associated Students of Linfield College Resolution

Section I:

1.1  WHEREAS global warming and the destabilization of planetary climate systems represent a real and present threat to our environment, economy, and national security;

1.2  WHEREAS the burning of coal for electricity generation and industry contributes more to global warming than any other process both nationally and globally;

1.3  WHEREAS Oregon’s Boardman Coal Plant, operated and partially owned by Portland General Electric (PGE) is the single largest stationary source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state and is Oregon’s only coal-fired power plant;

1.4  WHEREAS the Boardman Plant’s impact on climate and air quality affects all Oregonians, whether or not they are PGE customers.

1.5  WHEREAS the students of today will have to deal with the effects of global warming and pollution in decades ahead and will suffer the most from insufficient climate policies implemented today;

Section II:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ASLC Senate supports the involvement of students in the upcoming process deciding the fate of the Boardman facility and;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that ASLC Senate supports transitioning away from use of the Boardman Coal Plant by 2014 in the interest of Oregon students, and replacing coal generation at Boardman with clean, renewable energy