



To: William Watson, Chair of University of Waterloo, Board of Governors
c/o Logan Atkinson, Secretary, University of Waterloo, Board of Governors

CC: Ian Orchard, Vice-President, Academic & Provost
Dennis Huber, Vice-President, Finance & Administration

From: Jean Andrey, Dean of the Faculty of Environment, WESEF Ex-Officio Board Member

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As per Section 3. B. of the [Waterloo Environment Student Endowment Fund \(WESEF\)](#) Constitution, the Foundation has the power to make recommendations to the University with respect to the use of the Funds held by the University on behalf of the Foundation.

At the WESEF Board meeting of November 19th, 2015, the Board voted in favour of the following recommendation which had been presented and voted on at the WESEF Annual General Meeting on November 12, 2015 :

WESEF Recommendation to the University of Waterloo Board of Governors

That the University of Waterloo fully and regularly disclose WESEF's carbon liabilities and the extent of its investment in the top 200 fossil fuel companies[i];

That the University of Waterloo clearly reject the financial status quo that values all fossil fuel reserves as if they will be burned, by committing to divest WESEF from the top 200 fossil fuel companies within the next five years, and direct its fund manager to develop a plan to do so.

WESEF Board interpretation at time of Board vote: University to come up with a plan in consultation with various stakeholders to divest WESEF funds from the top 200 fossil free companies within next five years

That WESEF continue to be invested as part of the pooled University Fund.

WESEF Board interpretation at time of Board vote: WESEF funds continue to be invested within the pooled investments under the assumption that the WESEF funds could be sheltered from fossil fuels; the students hope that other endowment funds will follow in the same steps

[i] "The Carbon Underground" (Fossil Free Indexes, 2015), <http://gofossilfree.org/top-200/>.