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RESOLUTION TO REDUCE PRINTING-RELATED RESOURCE USE

WHEREAS, switching the default printing settings, wherever possible, on IU printers to duplex printing would not only cut costs, but also reduce paper and resource use;

WHEREAS, IUPUI student governance has passed resolutions to encourage duplex printing and increase the use of recycled paper across their campus;

WHEREAS, Indiana University is committed to "adopting 'green' technology purchasing practices" to "reduce the university's impact on the environment," as showcased by IU's Office of Sustainability¹;

WHEREAS, there is no functional difference between paper made with recycled content and paper made without recycled content²;

WHEREAS, approximately half of all print jobs processed through UITS are already printed double-sided³;

WHEREAS, currently the default setting for the majority of printers at IUB is single-sided and they have to manually be switched to double-sided;

WHEREAS, Indiana University used 37,945,201 sheets of paper from Fall 2013 to Spring 2014, which required approximately 5,554 trees to produce^{4,5};

WHEREAS, 5,554 trees would produce an estimated \$317,416,654 worth of monetary benefits during a 50-year lifecycle⁶;

WHEREAS, the cost of non-recycled paper does not reflect the loss of benefits provided by trees used to make the paper; as a result, consumption is more than is economically efficient from a holistic standpoint;

¹"Computing." *Indiana University Bloomington Office of Sustainability*. Web. 31 Oct. 2014.

²"International Paper - Great White 100." *International Paper - Great White 100*. Web. 31 Oct. 2014.

³Personal interview. 10 2014.

⁴"Printing By Session For IU Print Environments." *IU Print*. The Trustees of Indiana University. Web. 1 Nov. 2014.

⁵Kaufman, Sandra. "Paper Facts." *Environmental Policy & Management*. Cleveland State University, 2011. Web. 1 Nov. 2014.

⁶Kuhns, Michael. "What Is a Tree Worth?" *Forestry*. Utah State University. Web. 1 Nov. 2014.

⁷"Copy & Multipurpose Paper." *Office Depot*. Office Depot, Inc. Web. 1 Nov. 2014.



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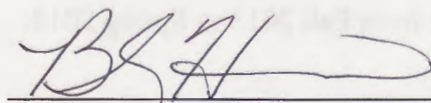
WHEREAS, paper made with recycled content is 18.5% to 24.6% more expensive than paper made without recycled content, depending on the proportion of recycled content the paper contains⁷; and

WHEREAS, this additional cost of using recycled paper can be partially offset by decreased paper use due to increased duplex printing;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Graduate Student Professional Organization, in conjunction with other departments or groups with a vested interest in sustainability and technology services, that:

1. Where possible, IU Bloomington printers print duplex by default;
2. IU Bloomington printers use only recycled paper; and
3. Any resulting savings be passed on to students in the form of increased print allotments and/or decreased print costs.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Organization Assembly on this 7th day of November, 2014.



GPSO President

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Date