



Gonzaga Student Body Association - *Senate*

Bill: SRS031839

Sponsor/s: Madison Schultz, Sophomore Senator; Tess Allen, Sophomore Senator
Co-Sponsor/s: JD Valle, Junior Senator

Title: GSBA Resolution of Support for Gonzaga University to Become a Post-Landfill Action Network Member School.

Purpose: To issue an official statement that the Gonzaga Student Body Association has a desire to become members of the Post-Landfill Action Network (PLAN) for the intent of increasing campus environmental awareness and to provide resources for student sustainability leaders.

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Section 1: Whereas, PLAN “cultivates, educates, and inspires the student-led zero waste movement” on college and university campuses across America. Their purpose is to educate students on the waste crisis and provide them tools and skills needed to address the issue. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, landfills are responsible for 18% of all methane emissions and 50% of all waste is sent to landfills.

Section 2: Whereas, becoming a PLAN member school would cost the university \$500 per year and funds to cover the cost will be allocated from the annual GSBA budget.

Section 3: Whereas the Gonzaga mission statement reads, “Gonzaga University is an exemplary learning community that educates students for lives of leadership...” PLAN provides workshops and trainings on both general leadership skills and those specific to sustainability which aligns with Gonzaga’s Mission. The benefits from PLAN membership can be enjoyed by all GSBA members, as well as other student sustainability leaders outside of GSBA.

Section 4: Whereas, Gonzaga University has a commitment to care for the planet as our mission statement follows, “The Gonzaga experience fosters a mature commitment to ... care for the planet.” Membership to PLAN would allow Gonzaga to better adhere to the mission statement as the mission of PLAN is to equip students with the resources and skills needed to address the issue of overconsumption and waste that is degrading our planet. Waste that is not reused, composted or recycled contributes to the ever-growing landfills and contamination of waterways and ecosystems. To address this global issue of waste, we must do our part at Gonzaga.

Section 5: Whereas, President McCulloh has made Gonzaga a signatory of the American College and University President Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), pledging to “deepen and strengthen its commitment to sustainability.” This has been complimented by Gonzaga University’s Climate Action Plan (CAP), endorsed by President McCulloh, which outlines the initiatives and strategies to reach climate neutrality by 2050. Therefore, the membership will help strengthen previous efforts made by our university president and furthermore, assist in reducing our environmental impact.

Section 6: Whereas, there are currently over ten different groups or individuals on Gonzaga’s campus that are trying to address the issue of waste, resources provided by PLAN, such as advising, would unite these students to support them in initiating and sustaining effective projects.

Section 7: Whereas, members receive unique discounts through the organization, thus giving Gonzaga students, staff, faculty, and departments access to discounted environmentally sustainable products that can be taken advantage of in such examples as eco-ware food packaging, sustainable GSBA handouts, environmentally conscious Zagshop products, etc.

Section 8: Whereas, becoming a PLAN member provides Gonzaga students with discounts on registration to the annual Students for Zero Waste Conference, where over 500 students and 100 campuses across the country meet to make strides towards a zero-waste future. Additionally, PLAN schools receive access to a \$400 scholarship to send students to the conference described above.

Section 9: Whereas, a PLAN membership will provide beneficial one-on-one advising for the GSBA Sustainability Chair and to students starting waste related sustainability projects.

Section 10: Whereas, PLAN offers training, workshops, interactive webinars, and speaking events specifically for leadership in sustainability, but workshops and trainings on leadership would also be available to all students. Completion of all aforementioned trainings grants a student with a “PLAN Leadership Certification.”

Section 11: Whereas, many other schools, including but not limited to Western Washington University, Evergreen State College, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly, Montana State University, Oregon State University, Colorado State University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton University, etc. have already taken the steps towards a Zero-Waste solution and environmental consciousness by becoming members of the PLAN program.

Section 12: Therefore, in light of the vast environmental benefits and leadership opportunities for students, GSBA supports and recommends that Gonzaga University become a PLAN School.

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Carlo Juntilla
GSBA President

PLAN Resolution

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| Gabriella Hewes | On-Campus Senator | NP |
| Ebbisa Endale | Off-Campus Senator | Y |
| Olivia Moorer | Off-Campus Senator | NP |
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| Scott Peltomaa | TVRAS Senator | Y |
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