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Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Sign a Chair Letter to UF Supporting the Adoption of the UF Climate Action Plan 2.0

Presenter:

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Description:

Request approval of a chair letter to the University of Florida requesting that they adopt their Climate Action Plan 2.0

Recommended Action:

Approve and have the Chair sign the letter

Prior Board Motions:

none

Fiscal Note:

none

Strategic Guide:

Environment

Background:

The University of Florida (UF) completed their updated climate action plan over a year ago (available by clicking here,) however the updated UF Climate Action Plan 2.0 has not yet been adopted by the university. The plan is described as a shared strategic framework for reducing and mitigating the University of Florida's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions in order to reach carbon neutrality, while supporting the university's resilience to related climate change impacts.

The adoption of the plan is in line with its position as a leader in climate science. UF is currently the only top ten public university without an updated climate action plan. This indicates the need to act with urgency. The university has been committed to sustainability efforts through the adoption of the original UF Climate Action Plan (CAP) and the adoption of successor CAP 2.0 would further that effort..