

**Membership  
2023-2024**

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Architecture and Planning  
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Brandon Evans (26)  
Academic Affairs  
Ken Hall (23)  
Sciences and Humanities  
Roger Hassenzall (26)  
Business Affairs  
Ruth Jefferson (25)  
Teachers College  
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Contract Faculty  
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Sciences and Humanities  
Matt Moore (26)  
College of Health  
Kate Elliott (25)  
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Sciences and Humanities  
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Fine Arts  
Kirsten Rich (24)  
Athletics  
Annette Rose (25)  
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Ro Anne Royer Engle (25)  
Student Affairs  
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Business  
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BSU Foundation

**Community Members**

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(26)  
Minnetrista Cultural Center  
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Red-tail Land Conservancy  
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(26)  
IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital  
  
Warren Vander Hill  
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**Administrative Support**

Augusta Isley  
Green Development Specialist  
Robert Koester  
Council Chair  
Margaret Lo  
Chief Sustainability Officer

**A Resolution on the Delaware County Moratorium  
on Utility-Scale Solar Projects**

**Adopted  
September 18, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, Ball State University works to advance its legacy of environmental stewardship to achieve a more vibrant and livable campus for its students, employees, neighbors and community partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ball State University Council on the Environment membership represents the university and the surrounding Muncie community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ball State University's strategic plan for sustainability -- "2019-2024 *Destination 2040: Our Flight Path*" -- includes implementing a regional plan with community partners to improve population health and wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS**, a transition from carbon-based energy systems to utility-scale solar projects can play a major role in the public health and wellbeing of the residents and ecosystems of Delaware County as well as the nationwide emission reduction goals set by the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, the university document entitled ***Understanding the Issuance of Public Statements at Ball State University*** dated 03-30-21. Section III and IV makes note that:

*Individuals, committees, units, departments, colleges, and university divisions are not authorized to issue institutional statements on behalf of Ball State University, or any constituent component a Ball State University.*

Nonetheless...

*When an issue of university-wide impact or significant public interest arises, the President considers whether it is appropriate to issue an institutional statement. If deemed appropriate to do so, the President will issue the institutional statement, direct the Vice President for Marketing and Communications to issue the institutional statement, or will designate another University official to do so.*

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:**

President Mearns issue a public statement on behalf of BSU in support of:

- a. Lifting of the moratorium on utility-scale solar projects in Delaware County;
- and
- b. Removal of a property value guarantee in any utility-scale solar ordinance because that would thwart investment in utility-scale solar projects and the resulting economic development in East Central Indiana.