

To: Russell Osgood, President of Grinnell College  
From: EcoCampus Committee  
Re: Wind turbines for the main campus  
Date: May 2, 2007

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President Osgood,

The EcoCampus Committee strongly encourages you to decide in favor of moving ahead on constructing wind turbines to generate power for Grinnell College's main campus.

We believe that the issue of global warming and the associated need to decrease carbon dioxide emissions require urgent action by many institutions in society. Grinnell College has the opportunity to be a leader in this respect, and we feel that as an educational institution with a history and mission of graduating "women and men ... who are prepared in life and work to use their knowledge and their abilities to serve the common good" we have a responsibility to provide a positive example to society not only in our teaching, but in our actions as well. While there are many measures that Grinnell College can and should take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, producing energy through wind turbines would make by far the biggest single reduction.

We further believe that being a leader in this area will not only reflect our historical commitment to social justice and our stated commitment to environmental responsibility, but will also create very positive attention for the college on the part of alumni and potential students.

We believe that the completed studies warrant moving ahead with the wind turbines. We understand that Tom Wind has completed all of the relevant studies on the feasibility of generating wind power for Grinnell College's main campus, and that these are quite favorable from a technical and economic standpoint.

Finally, we understand that the trustees would like to complete Phase II of the athletic complex before constructing turbines. We also understand that because of various built-in studies and delays, in order to start construction at that time, in 2010, the decision will need to be made to move ahead by *this* October. Therefore, we strongly urge you to decide positively in favor of constructing wind turbines for the campus by this time.

Respectfully,

The EcoCampus Committee.