

RESOLUTION 04/15/14 COMMENDATION TO BENJAMIN CHAMPION, D.Phil.

- BY:** Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning Chair, Barbara G. Anderson
- WHEREAS,** Ben Champion, a 2002 alumnus of Kansas State University, was appointed to the position of Director of Sustainability for Kansas State University in June 2008;
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Champion has provided leadership in the areas of recycling/waste management, energy conservation, renewable energy, campus planning, campus and community diversified transportation and student involvement in sustainability initiatives;
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Champion has assisted and worked with faculty to develop or enhance sustainability education and research on campus and has participated in grant-funded projects as both a principal investigator and consulting expert;
- WHEREAS,** As a result of his efforts we now have multiple organizations and programs including an EcoReps Network, a Greening Your Workplace program, a Green Action Fund and an Energy and Environment Program;
- WHEREAS,** Since Dr. Champion's arrival in 2008, the university community has a heightened awareness of sustainability and is more actively seeking ways to meet the expectations of all of our constituencies regarding efforts to fully engage in sustainability efforts through education, research, engagement and operations;
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Champion has been instrumental in development of the Draft K-State 2025 Sustainability Strategic Action Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Champion has announced that he will leave his position as Director of Sustainability in June, 2014 to take a similar position at the University of Arizona.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The Kansas State University Faculty Senate commends Ben Champion for his dedicated service and significant accomplishments as the first Director of Sustainability for Kansas State University.
- SECTION 2.** Upon passage by the Faculty Senate and signature of the Faculty Senate President, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to University President Kirk Schulz and Provost and Senior Vice President April Mason.

Attest: Julia Keen
(Senate President)

Date: 5-13-2014