

## FOI Office

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**From:** Ian Watson  
**Sent:** 20 January 2015 17:29  
**To:** Paul Younger  
**Subject:** FW: University of Glasgow Academic Support for Fossil Fuel Divestment

FYI! Not sure if anyone else has forwarded it to you...

Cheers

Ian

**From:** Glasgow Uni Climate Action [<mailto:glasgowuniclimateaction@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** 20 January 2015 17:27  
**To:** David Banks; Nader Karimi; Andrew Knox; Manosh Paul; James Sharp; Ian Watson; Robert Westaway; Zhibin Yu  
**Subject:** University of Glasgow Academic Support for Fossil Fuel Divestment

Dear Mr/Mrs,

Glasgow University Climate Action (GUCA) society is contacting you due to recent events regarding The University of Glasgow decision to **divest from fossil fuel companies**. As a member of university greatly involved in student life or with research on sustainable development, we approach you asking for your support.

Our society has been campaigning on this matter for over a year. Last year, we have collected over 1,200 student signatures supporting the campaign. We have asked the University to freeze and move any stock shares from the fossil fuel industry to more sustainable projects. We believe that it is the University's responsibility to act ethically toward our environment and the future of our planet and people.

Last term in October the University Court made a decision in favour of our campaign, encouraging the University to divest all its available shares in the space of 10 years. However, recently our campaign is under threat as the decision made **can still be altered and rejected by the university court**.

The Meeting to discuss these matters is taking place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. Just before the Meeting, GUCA would like to encourage as much staff support as possible. Staff support would ensure the validity of the campaign.

If you would like to support this campaign, please sign the open letter. You can find it following the link: <https://glasgowuniversityacademicsfordivestment.wordpress.com/>

Additionally, you can strengthen your support by formulating a personal statement and sending it to us.

We would also appreciate your views or questions regarding this topic, so do not hesitate to contact us.

Let's make this campaign come to fruition and be the first University in the UK and Europe to divest!

With kind regards,

GUCA TEAM