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Since its inception in 2006 and in synergy with its ethos, DESA has sought to foster a culture of health, enjoyment and general well-being among students on campus. The environment is an integral part of this picture and for this reason DESA is striving to do its part in the mission to protect, maintain and appreciate it.

In order to keep this goal permanently in focus, DESA is binding itself to follow a set of practical rules in its daily endeavours, which include the following:

- Only a previously charged laptop on 'power saver' mode is to be used during executive meetings so as to avoid using paper.
- The printing of emails should be avoided unless it is necessary to do so.
- Executive members should try to carpool or use public transport to attend meetings and events in order to reduce the carbon footprint.
In addition, group transport should preferably be offered to DESA members and guests for any DESA-organised event.
- Actively encourage students to borrow books or buy second-hand when possible.
- In Semester II of the Academic Year 2010/2011, DESA adopted a panda through The WWF. This should serve as the first step towards more similarly direct actions to unite in the solution of environmental problems. Every little counts!
- Use the internet and other media to promote DESA-organised events as opposed to printing posters on paper.
- DESA should strive to keep publishing its journal – TEXT – solely online. This is not only to promote new and diverse means of getting published but also to prove that communication and thought can be free and environment-friendly.

DESA hopes that its members will collaborate with it in this effort and encourages everyone to brainstorm ways of following suit and to implement them.

Our adopted panda thanks you and wishes you success!

- **The DESA executive**