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Resolution

SB Spring 2020-02 Support for Chartwells Fair Trade Authored by: AJ Aumann Sponsored by: Sustainability Committee Date: January 28th, 2020

WHEREAS the Student Government Association of Missouri State University is the official voice of the student body; and

RECOGNIZING that what we choose to purchase, eat, and drink impacts farmers, workers, artisans, and the environment; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that growers of coffee, tea, chocolate and other products produced in Latin America, Africa, and Asia are often paid less than a living wage, and forced child labor may be involved;

NOTING Fair Trade ensures fair wages, safe working conditions, and environmental sustainability, and prohibits forced labor of any kind; and

FURTHER NOTING Many campus groups around the country and the world already support Fair Trade; and

RECOGNIZING that by becoming a Fair Trade University Missouri State University will demonstrate a commitment to sustainability;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Government Association will support the university in working with Chartwells to make Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and other Fair Trade products available in its dining facilities, consistent with the terms of food service contracts and where the resulting costs do not significantly jeopardize board rate costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a proper copy of this resolution be sent to Quintin Eason, Chartwells Resident District Manager; Terry Weber, Director of the Plaster Student Union and SGA Advisor; Clif Smart, University President; Dr. Dee Siscoe, Vice President for Student Affairs; Nicole Young, Marketing Manager for Chartwells and Dr.

Michele Smith, Dean of Students

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