

## **San Jose State University Fair Trade Resolution**

What we choose to purchase, eat, and drink impacts farmers, workers, artisans and the environment

- 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
- Conventional means of growing coffee and other commodities are often damaging to the environment, harming local ecosystems
- Fair Trade ensures fair wages, safe working conditions, and environmental sustainability, and prohibits forced labor of any kind

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

San Jose State University has endorsed these principles and supporting Fair Trade is an effective way to put into practice the principles of social justice and environmental sustainability!

- By becoming a Fair Trade University, SJSU will demonstrate a commitment to sustainability
- By becoming a Fair Trade University, SJSU will more effectively educate the campus community about Fair Trade
- By becoming a Fair Trade University, SJSU will inspire other institutions and organizations to support Fair Trade
- By becoming a Fair Trade University, SJSU will enhance its image as a leader in sustainability and social justice issues

## BE IT RESOLVED

San Jose State University should dedicate itself to be a Fair Trade University, which would consist of the following:

- 1. Dining facilities:** The university will work with its food service contractor 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.
- 2. Catered events:** The university will work with its food service contractor to make Fair Trade products available at catered meetings hosted by the school, consistent with the terms of the food service contract.
- 3. Offices:** The university will work with its food service contractor and/or office supplier to make Fair Trade products available for administrative and faculty offices whenever possible and consistent with the terms of existing contracts.
- 4. Stores:** The university will include Fair Trade food products, in campus stores whenever possible and subject to the terms of vendor contracts.
- 5. Education:** The university will support students, staff, and faculty working to increase on-campus awareness of Fair Trade.
- 6. Acknowledgment:** The university will identify and promote Fair Trade products at campus functions and stores with appropriate signage or information.
- 7. Implementation:** The university, in consultation with the campus sustainability will oversee the implementation of the above commitments.

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