

The University of California, Santa Cruz Fair Trade Resolution

WHEREAS

- 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;
- Fair Trade promotes the principle that sustainability cannot exist without social justice
- Many campus groups around the country and the world already support Fair Trade;
- The University of California, Santa Cruz has promoted a campus climate that values inclusive sustainability, 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 College/University The University of California, Santa Cruz will demonstrate a commitment to sustainability;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College/University, The University of California, Santa Cruz will more effectively educate the campus community about Fair Trade;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College/University The University of California, Santa Cruz will inspire other institutions and organizations to support Fair Trade.
- By becoming a Fair Trade College/University, The University of California, Santa Cruz will enhance its image as a leader in sustainability and social justice issues;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That The University of California, Santa Cruz should dedicate itself to be a Fair Trade College/University, which would consist of the following:

1. **Dining facilities:** The college/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 University policy and where the resulting costs do not significantly jeopardize board rate costs and to the extent permissible by law.
2. **Catered events:** The college/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, University policy, and to the extent permissible by law.

3. **Offices:** The college/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, University policy, and to the extent permissible by law.
4. **Stores:** The college/university will include Fair Trade food products, apparel and handicrafts (such as jewelry, and other gift items) in campus stores whenever possible, subject to the terms of vendor contracts, University policy, and to the extent permissible by law.
5. **Education:** The college/university will support students, staff, and faculty working to increase on-campus awareness of Fair Trade through events, the incorporation of Fair Trade into curricula, and other efforts, subject to University policy and to the extent permissible by law.
6. **Procurement:** The college/university commits itself to exploring the incorporation of Fair Trade procurement into current purchasing practices and policies. This process will begin within six months or as reasonably practical after the ratification of this document.
7. **Acknowledgment:** The college/university will identify and promote Fair Trade products at campus functions and stores with appropriate signage or information, subject to University policy and consistent with applicable law.
8. **Implementation:** The college/university, in consultation with stakeholder groups to be identified by the UC Santa Cruz Office of Sustainability, will oversee the implementation of the above commitments.

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