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ASUCD SENATE RESOLUTION #7

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Introduced by: Environmental Policy and Planning Commission

Recommended by: Environmental Policy and Planning Commission


An ASUCD Senate Resolution to support the incorporation and promotion of Fair Trade products into campus dining services by the University of California, Davis, in an effort to support environmentally sustainable principles and proper working conditions for people and communities that are traditionally exploited by conventional food systems.

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

WHEREAS, growers of coffee, tea, cocoa, and other products are usually paid less than two US (2) dollars a day¹, and 168 million children are engaged in child labor often in coercive circumstances²; and, Fair Trade sales globally generated over $150 million in Fairtrade Premium for farmers and workers to invest in business or community projects in 2015³; and,

WHEREAS, conventional means of growing coffee and other commodities are often damaging to the environment and are harmful to local ecosystems; and,

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

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WHEREAS, many campus groups around the country and the world already support Fair Trade initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, the University of California has established a long term commitment to environmental, and economic sustainability, as well as environmental justice, through system-wide goals such as going zero waste by 2020 and implementing the Carbon Neutrality Initiative; and,

WHEREAS, University of California, Davis has endorsed sustainability initiatives, and supporting Fair Trade is a tangible action to practice and actively support the principles of social justice and environmental sustainability; and,

WHEREAS, by becoming a Fair Trade University, University of California, Davis will further demonstrate a commitment to sustainability and more effectively educate the campus community about Fair Trade; and,

WHEREAS, by becoming a Fair Trade University, University of California, Davis will inspire other institutions and organizations to support Fair Trade and enhance its image as a leader in sustainability and social justice issues; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, ASUCD urges that UC Davis Student Housing and Dining Services and Associated Students Dining Services dedicate themselves to the responsibilities and leadership of a Fair Trade University; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, UC Davis Student Housing and Dining Services outlets subject to sourcing at least two Fair Trade projects include: all Dining Commons, Cuarto Marketplace, Segundo Marketplace, Tercero Marketplace, The Silo, Peet’s Coffee at the Silo, Peet’s Coffee at the Activities and Recreation Center, King Hall Peet’s Coffee, Scrubs Cafe, catering; UC Davis Memorial Union Bookstore; the Market at Memorial Union; and Associated Students Dining Services outlets that include: ASUCD Coffee House at Memorial Union, ASUCD Biobrew, ASUCD South Coffee House; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, ASUCD Environmental Policy and Planning Commission will work with UC Davis Student Housing and Dining Services and Associated Students Dining Services to establish a long-term plan to increase procurement of Fair Trade coffee, tea, cocoa, and other Fair Trade products in dining facilities and to incorporate a transition to environmentally and socially responsible food vendors; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, ASUCD Environmental Policy and Planning Commission will work with UC Davis Student Housing and Dining Services and Associated Students Dining Services to make Fair Trade products available at catered meetings hosted by the school, consistent with the terms of the food service contract; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, ASUCD urges UC Davis Student Housing and Dining Services and Associated Students Dining Services to make Fair Trade products available for administrative and faculty offices whenever possible and consistent with the terms of existing contracts; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, ASUCD urges UC Davis Student Housing and Dining Services and Associated Students Dining Services to include Fair Trade food products, apparel and handicrafts (such as jewelry, and other gift items) in UC Davis Student Housing and Dining Services outlets and Associated Student Dining Services food outlets whenever possible and subject to the terms of vendor contracts; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, UC Davis Student Housing and Dining Services and Associated Students Dining Services 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,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, UC Davis Student Housing and Dining Services and Associated Students Dining Services commit themselves to exploring and expanding the incorporation of Fair Trade procurement into current purchasing practices and policies. This process will begin within six (6) months after the ratification of this document; and,
THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, UC Davis Student Housing and Dining Services and Associated Students Dining Services will identify and promote Fair Trade products at campus functions and stores with appropriate certification signage or information; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, UC Davis Student Housing and Dining Services and Associated Students Dining Services, in consultation with the ASUCD Environmental Policy and Planning Commission and the Office of Sustainability and Stewardship will oversee the implementation of the above commitments.

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the listed primary author of this resolution, would like to acknowledge that the vast majority of this resolution was researched and drafted by Beittel, Flores, Kim, and Murvihill; and that they should receive full credit for their work; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, copies of this resolution shall be sent to Chancellor May, Vice Chancellor Atkinson, Jenni Porter of Student Housing and Dining, and Darin Schleup of Associated Students Dining Services.

Finance: No
Appropriation: None
Vote: Majority

DO PASS AS AMENDED, 10-0-2, BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE ASUCD SENATE ON DECEMBER 05, 2019. YES: BOUDAIE, CARDUNY, CHOI, ESTRADA, KAUR, LANDRUM, MALIK, MARTINEZ, SPINOGLIO, VELASCO. ABSTAIN: SCHMEDEL, RANDOLPH.

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Justin Hurst                              1/10/20
ASUCD President

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Chancellor Gary May                                            Date