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California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Fair Trade Resolution

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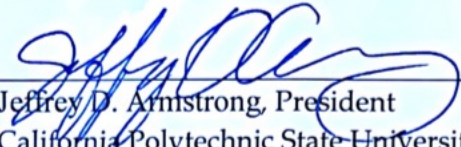
- What we choose to purchase, eat, and drink impacts farmers, workers, artisans and the environment;
- Growers of coffee, tea, chocolate and other products produced in Latin America, Africa, and Asia are often paid less than a living wage, and forced child labor may be involved;
- Conventional means 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;
- California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo has endorsed the Earth Charter (or Millennium Development Goals, or other statement of 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 College/University, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo will demonstrate a commitment to sustainability;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College/University, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo will more effectively educate the campus community about Fair Trade;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College/University, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo will inspire other institutions and organizations to support Fair Trade.
- By becoming a Fair Trade College/University, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo will enhance its image as a leader in sustainability and social justice issues;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo 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 suppliers and third party contractors in an attempt to make Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and other Fair Trade products available in its dining facilities, consistent with the terms of existing agreements and where the resulting costs do not significantly jeopardize board rate costs, and will consider ways to make Fair Trade products available when negotiating future agreements.

2. **Catered events:** The college/university will work with its food service team in an attempt to make Fair Trade products available for selection by those hosting catered meetings at the school, consistent with the terms of existing procurement commitments and vendor contracts, including pouring rights contracts and procurement laws, regulations, practices, policies and commitments.
3. **Offices:** The college/university will work with its food service and office suppliers in an attempt to make Fair Trade products available for administrative and faculty offices when possible and consistent with the terms of existing contracts and where the resulting costs do not significantly impact costs.
4. **Stores:** The college/university will attempt to include Fair Trade food products, apparel and handicrafts (such as jewelry, and other gift items) in campus stores when possible and subject to the terms of vendor and supplier contracts and customer demands.
5. **Education:** The college/university will allow students, staff, and faculty to attempt to increase on-campus awareness of Fair Trade through events, the incorporation of Fair Trade into curricula, and other efforts.
6. **Procurement:** The college/university will explore the incorporation of Fair Trade procurement into current purchasing practices and policies. This process will begin within six months after the ratification of this document.
7. **Acknowledgment:** The college/university will allow Fair Trade products to be identified at campus stores with appropriate signage or information.
8. **Implementation:** The college/university, in consultation with the Sustainability Advisory Committee will oversee the implementation of the above commitments.



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Dated