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## **Resolution in Opposition of the Development on Agricultural Land**

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- WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is the elected student representatives of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona); and
- WHEREAS, The ASI serves as an organized legislative body which addresses students' ideas and concerns to the university; and
- WHEREAS, Cal Poly Pomona is distinguished by its active, hands-on approach to learning, both in and out of the classroom establishing the "Learn by Doing" philosophy<sup>1</sup>; and
- WHEREAS, The College of Agriculture establishes the same philosophy of "Learn by Doing" by providing classes and labs for students on the pastureland allocated to the College; and
- WHEREAS, Cal Poly Pomona has allocated, as of now, 40 acres of agricultural land for the following use: 13 acres of pastureland for future freshman housing, 10 acres of agricultural land for the California Highway Patrol, and 17 acres of production farmland at Spadra Ranch for the California Air Resource Board<sup>2</sup>; and
- WHEREAS, There are no alternatives to sustainable agriculture with land that is developed and therefore renders the prior mentioned sites uncondusive to the promotion of education once developed; and

- WHEREAS,** Students in the College of Agriculture would not have access to farmland for educational purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** The student body seeks to have a partnership with Cal Poly Pomona to preserve farmland for the education of current and future generations; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the ASI encourages University action to create a partnership with the College of Agriculture students to preserve their classrooms and the pastureland utilized by the students hereinabove described; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the ASI promotes a partnership as a means to combat the future development of valuable farmland; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** The students of Cal Poly Pomona, College of Agriculture have access to the best viable resources the University may offer in regard to their learning environment; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That a partnership can lead to a more efficient communication system that caters to students' needs by being included within the University's Academic, Strategic, and Master plan that incorporates the protection of agricultural land for the education of students; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the ASI urges students, faculty, staff, and University Officials to act on the preservation of farmland pastureland for educational purposes and to create a partnership as a means to promote the sustainability of agriculture within Southern California; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to: University President, Dr. Soraya M. Coley and her cabinet; the University Academic Senate; the University Staff Council; the College of Agriculture Dean, Mary Holz-Clause and her council; the College of Agriculture Associate Dean, Lisa Kessler; College of Agriculture Faculty & Staff; the Associate Vice President of Facilities Planning and Management, Walter Marquez; Director of Facilities, Mark Miller; The Poly Post; the ASI Student Government; the ASI staff; and the students of Cal Poly Pomona.

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<sup>1</sup> Cal Poly Pomona, Mission, Vision & Values:  
<https://www.cpp.edu/~aboutcpp/calpolypomona-overview/mission-and-values.shtml>

<sup>2</sup> The Poly Post, New land use proposal faces student, faculty opposition  
[http://www.thepolypost.com/news/new-land-use-proposal-faces-student-faculty-opposition/article\\_9d3b8420-869c-11e5-9c47-0b7ade3f73f0.html](http://www.thepolypost.com/news/new-land-use-proposal-faces-student-faculty-opposition/article_9d3b8420-869c-11e5-9c47-0b7ade3f73f0.html)

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