SR:2021-2022:03 Resolution in Support of Food Justice Initiatives

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WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is the elected student representatives of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona);

WHEREAS, The agricultural products that individuals purchase, eat, and drink impact farmworkers, including campesinos, as well as ranchers, artisans, their families, and others, as well as the environment;

WHEREAS, Growers of food products such as coffee, tea, and chocolate produced in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and by migrant farmworkers in the United States are often paid less than a living wage, and may further have been involved in the food growing process through forced labor;

WHEREAS, Industrial agriculture is often damaging to the environment and farmworkers;

WHEREAS, 1.4 billion tons of food is wasted annually, whereby the United States discards more food than any other country at 40 million tons annually. This results in food waste accumulating in landfills and emitting methane, a greenhouse gas that has more than 28 times the warming potential of carbon dioxide;

WHEREAS, Supporting food sovereignty and food justice initiatives, which work to ensure that food is grown, distributed, and accessed justly, is an effective way to put into practice the principles of social justice and environmental sustainability;

WHEREAS, Diminishing food loss and waste assists in the effort to combat climate change and hunger;
WHEREAS, Current fair trade certifications such as Fair Trade encourage fair wages, safe working conditions, environmental sustainability, and the absence of forced labor;

WHEREAS, By becoming a university that advocates for food justice, Cal Poly Pomona will more effectively educate the campus community about food justice, become a leader in sustainability and social justice issues, and inspire more institutions and organizations to support food justice initiatives; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated stands in solidarity with farmworkers, ranchers, artisans, and other impacted individuals; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated calls on the Cal Poly Pomona dining facilities to continue working with food service vendors to make fair trade certified food products such as coffee, tea, and chocolate, more widespread in its dining facilities, consistent with the terms of food service contracts; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated requests that Cal Poly Pomona work with its food service vendors and/or office supplier to make fair trade certified food products available for administrative and faculty offices, consistent with the terms of existing contracts; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated encourages Cal Poly Pomona to include fair trade certified food products and apparel in campus stores, consistent with the terms of existing contracts; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated calls on Cal Poly Pomona to support students, staff, and faculty working to increase on-campus awareness of food justice through the incorporation of food justice and sustainability principles into curricula; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated calls on Cal Poly Pomona to implement a program similar to the Farm to Pantry project, where fresh and organic food is provided by the Lyle Center to the Poly Pantry, in order to ensure nutrient-rich, organic, and healthier food options are made readily accessible in areas in which there is heavy student traffic; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students, Incorporated calls on Cal Poly Pomona to form partnerships with internal and external organizations and departments to promote food justice initiatives on campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be widely distributed, including, but not limited to: University President, Dr. Soraya M. Coley and her cabinet; the University Academic Senate; the University Staff Council; the University Division of Student Affairs and its departments; the Associated Students Incorporated; the Poly Post; and the students of Cal Poly Pomona.

1 https://nfwm.org/farm-workers/farm-worker-issues/low-wages/


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