

Resolution in Support of the Proposed System Wide Sustainability Policy

- WHEREAS,** the Associated Students of California State University, Chico is the recognized voice of more than 15,000 students; and
- WHEREAS,** California State University, Chico is a major consumer of energy and natural resources. The Associated Students of California State University, Chico has the responsibility to be a wise steward of scarce resources by reducing the use of non-renewable and renewable resources, increasing energy efficiency, and integrating sustainable practices into all areas of the corporation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Associated Students of California State University, Chico strategic plan includes sustainability as one of its seven guiding principles; and
- WHEREAS,** sustainability within the Associated Students of California State University, Chico is supported by the Commissioner of Environmental Affairs, Environmental Affairs Council, Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee, Associated Students Sustainability, and Associated Students Recycling, all of which support sustainability in the corporation; and
- WHEREAS,** the CSU energy policy (EO-987), in place since 1978, has been revised over time to incorporate updated energy conservation, on-site and renewable power generation goals, and to elaborate on sustainable building design practices that support these efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** the Associated Students of California State University, Chico is currently in compliance with the CSU Executive Order (EO 987); and
- WHEREAS,** the Associated Students of California State University, Chico acknowledges the need for a broader policy that not only addresses energy consumption and greenhouse gas emission, but also addresses areas including, but not limited to, procurement, information technology, food service and transportation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Associated Students of California State University, Chico feels it is crucial that the various business units and auxiliary entities of each of the 23 campuses commit to complying with the requirements stated in the proposed CSU Sustainability Policy; and
- WHEREAS,** California State University, Chico was a founding signatory on the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (Presidents' Climate Commitment or ACUPCC) which is a high-visibility effort to make campuses more sustainable by addressing issues regarding climate change and by garnering institutional commitments to reduce and ultimately neutralize greenhouse gas emissions; and
- WHEREAS,** the Associated Students of California State University, Chico understands that each campus will need to utilize different strategies in order to successfully comply with the proposed policy; and
- WHEREAS,** the Associated Students of California State University, Chico recognizes that the Chancellor's Office estimates the implementation process will cost the CSU approximately \$250 million. The primary costs are associated with the goal of

(additional) energy conservation efforts and installations needed to improve campus energy independence. The purpose of these efforts is to reduce reliance upon the state of California's electrical grid; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of California State University, recognizes the benefits of providing out-of-the-classroom opportunities for practical application of sustainability knowledge. Therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of California State University, Chico is committed to each area of the proposed policy; and

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of California State University, Chico urges a revised policy that will encourage all presidents of the CSU to make an institutional commitment by signing the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC); and

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of California State University, Chico urges the CSU administration to oversee the implementation of this CSU Sustainability policy and offer support to each individual campus; and

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of California State University, Chico believe that the policy should remain flexible and provide latitude for each campus to develop their strategy to move forward in light of uncertain budget conditions and competing budget priorities (access, affordability, quality); therefore let it be

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of California State University, Chico urges a revised policy that includes enhancement of opportunities that call for student leadership and involvement through Associated Students Programs and the division of Student Affairs; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to all CSU Chico students, CSSA, the CSU Board of Trustees, the CSU Chancellor, campus Presidents, Vice Presidents of Student Affairs, Vice Presidents of Business and Finance, Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, and all relative auxiliaries.


Taylor Herren, President
Chair, Board of Directors

2-25-14
Date


Michael Barrett, Executive Vice President
Chair, Government Affairs Committee

2-25-2014
Date


Kaitlin Haley, Commissioner of Environmental Affairs
Chair, Environmental Affairs Council

2/25/2014
Date

Approved at GAC: 2/24/14
Approved at BOD: 2/24/14

- C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – No meetings held. Gave brief report on University Budget.

III. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book: Restructuring University Affairs Council to Student Academic Senate. **Motion to approve revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book: Restructuring University Affairs Council to Student Academic Senate (McAllister/Acosta).** McAllister explained the revisions made at this afternoon's GAC meeting. She next reviewed questions she received from Delorenzo. Delorenzo asked how this new committee will remain active and functioning and McAllister said she hopes they will because they're elected. Regarding the one year term, McAllister said she didn't think our structure can hold multiple years in office. Delorenzo suggested a follow-up for the next year will need to be done, and a mechanism needs to be put in place that explains what happened the previous year. McAllister said they have legacy binders. Herren questioned if minutes will need to be taken. Slaughter said it's not a standing committee; however, it should follow what the University Affairs Council did. McAllister noted that senators will be elected during the same election as the officers are. She said the Attendance Policy was removed because at this time we do not have an Attendance Policy. Slaughter said there's an Officer Attendance Policy. McAllister said the senators would take information to the appropriate Academic Senate Committee, person or department. Slaughter said regarding Section, VIII., Standing Committees, that the AS has only three standing committees, so the word "Standing" was removed. The second sentence of section VII. B. was changed to, "And, further, to develop advisory plans for remedying those identified issues." It was noted that proxies are not allowed. McAllister accepted all suggested changes as presented. **(7-0-0 MSC).**
- B. Action Item: Approval of additions to the Duties section of the Associated Students Corporate Code Book:
- College of Agriculture Senator
 - College of Communication and Education Senator
 - College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management Senator
 - College of Natural Sciences Senator
 - College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Senator
 - College of Business Senator
 - College of Humanities and Fine Arts Senator

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Revisions made at GAC were explained. Herren said they met with CAD and they didn't have any questions or concerns. McAllister confirmed the five office hours will be in the Government Office. She also confirmed that current rosters of student organizations and groups are maintained by Student Life and Leadership. **(7-0-0) MSC.** Herren said she and McAllister plan to go to different college faculty meetings, to get the word out that students can run for these positions. McAllister said if someone doesn't run for a position, or has to drop out, appointments would take place after elections are closed. Delorenzo suggested they craft an email and she would see that it is sent out via faculty emails. Herren said she and Barrett will also speak with Joe Wills regarding the Student Academic Senate and elections.

- C. Action Item: Approval of proposed AS Resolution on CSU Sustainability Policy. **Motion to approve proposed AS Resolution on CSU Sustainability Policy, as presented (Acosta/Barrett).** – Barrett explained the changes approved at GAC today. Barrett accepted a friendly amendment to delete the word "parking" on the seventh Whereas. Herren said it's great for the AS to show support and commitment to our campus and others. **(7-0-0) MSC.**
- D. Action Item: Approval of revisions to AS Personnel Policy: Policy No. 455 – Recruitment for Career Positions. **Motion to approve revisions to AS Personnel Policy: Policy No. 455 – Recruitment for Career Positions, as presented (Barrett /Acosta).** – Buckley said as discussed at the last meeting, regarding section 1. the second sentence will now say, "Internal recruitments will be conducted for all career positions except the area Directors and the Executive Director." Regarding section 2. the first sentence will now say, "External recruitments will be conducted for the area Directors and the Executive Director and". Buckley said he also spoke with staff directors regarding this and they also felt this is the way to go. **(7-0-0) MSC.**