


### **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.

  
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