

Resolution Addressing Existing "AS Organic T-Shirt Resolution"

Government Affairs Committee

Whereas, The Associated Students approved an AS Organic T-Shirt Resolution on December 11, 2000 to address pesticide use from conventional cotton production;

Whereas, The Resolution directed the Associated Students Activity Fee Funded Programs to purchase 100% Organic Cotton t-shirts to offset the environmental impact of pesticide use which continues to be a serious issue for the environment;

Whereas, The additional heavy consumption of potable water for the production of cotton is vast with 700 gallons needed to produce a single t-shirt and the cost of 700 gallons of water is approximately \$1.00 according to municipal water records;

Whereas, Numerous communities are adversely impacted by the heavy environmental toll enacted through the utilization of their land for the production of cotton shirts;

Whereas, Mitigation efforts are already underway to repair those communities and make whole again the environment with regard to the damage already done as a result of the production of cotton t-shirts through numerous non-profit and non-governmental organization; and

Whereas, The existing availability of organic t-shirts is impeding the ability of the Activity Fee Programs to conduct their affairs in an economically sustainable manner due to the limited number of available options and the increasing costs associated with procurement;

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Associated Students Government Affairs Committee permit the Activity Fee Funded Programs to purchase non-organic cotton t-shirts;

Resolved, That each non-organic cotton t-shirt purchased by Activity Fee Funded Programs be assessed a \$ 1.00 Water Purity Offset Credit to be collected by the Associated Students; and

Resolved, That all monies collected through the Water Purity Offset Credit be placed in a fund to be donated to a project that offsets the environmental impact of the cotton production selected by Sustainability Affairs Council and annually approved by GAC.

Approved by GAC: 3/9/17
Reported to BOD: 3/22/17