Organic Cotton T-Shirt Resolution

WHEREAS, Pesticide use in California has increased over the past 10 years and that five of the top nine pesticides used on California cotton are known carcinogens; and

WHEREAS, Synthetic pesticides; including herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, miticides, defoliants and fertilizers are contaminating our air, soil and ground water resulting in long term human and environmental health damage; and

WHEREAS, The Sustainable Cotton Project estimates that a third of a pound of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides are used to produce enough cotton for one T-shirt, and that on an average acre of California cotton grown in 1995 some 300 pounds of synthetic fertilizers were applied, (a rough breakdown includes 200 pounds of nitrogen, 60 pounds of phosphorus and 40 pounds of potash); and

WHEREAS, Approximately two-thirds of a cotton crop winds up in the food we eat. Yearly, a half a million tons of cottonseed oil goes into processed salad dressings and baked goods and another three million tons of raw cottonseed are fed to beef and dairy cattle; and

WHEREAS, The Associated Students (AS) Government Affairs Committee (GAC) is an advocate of organic farming practices; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the AS. GAC recommends the purchase and sale of organic cotton clothes in the AS. Bookstore; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all Activity Fee Funded programs purchase 100% organic cotton T-shirts for all events such as: International Festival, Earth Month, AS. Elections, and any other purchases of tee shirts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the AS. will promote the use of organic cotton on campus and in the community by, implementing an educational campaign about the negative effects of pesticide use and the positive effects of organics; and be it finally;

RESOLVED, That this resolution be widely distributed by electronic means to the President's Cabinet; Academic Senate; Deans; Department Chairs; Faculty, Staff Council of California State University; in addition to the California State Student Association (CSSA).
Monday, December 11, 2000 1:00 PM BMU 314

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Iverson, Steve Cox, Scott Schuhwerk, Amber Johnsen, Teddy Delorenzo, Dennis Graham, Paul Moore.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Amis, Charles Poteet.

OTHERS PRESENT: David Buckley, Jon Slaughter, Jeff Carter, Yves Latouche, Steve Dubey, Bill Jones, Denise Rosales, Corrie Nichols.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Jeff Iverson, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

II. AGENDA

None.

III. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of November 27, 2000 regular meeting—Motion to approve the minutes of November 27, 2000 regular meeting. (Schuhwerk/Cox). 7-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Buckley regretted to announce that former AS. President, Armando Sanchez, had been killed in a car accident last night. He said that funeral information would be distributed over e-mail.
- Dubey announced the new AS. Bookstore website is up and running.
- Iverson announced the meeting would run quickly due to student’s finals.

V. OPINION

None.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Government Affairs Committee

Cox reviewed the GAC actions.

1. GAC Actions of 11/28/00
   a. Approved minutes of November 7, 2000 regular meeting.

2. GAC Actions of 12/5/00
   a. Approved minutes of November 14, 2000 regular meeting.
   b. Approved Organic Cotton T-Shirt Resolution.

Dubey asked that GAC and the Bookstore compare prices of organic cotton T-shirts and Cox agreed.

3. GAC Actions of 12/5/00 (special meeting)
   a. Approved AF Capital Expenditures Committee Recommendations in the amount of $14,523.

B. Bell Memorial Union Committee

Buckley reviewed the BMUC actions. He said that the two big issues were the program/financial and marketing budget for the Recreation Center Referendum and said that the wording will come back to the committee for approval. He corrected the numbers on the attachment for item VI.B.2.c. stating that the projected fees for 2002/2003 were $89 and then in 2004, $135 and 2005, $195.