

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PURCHASING EPEAT CERTIFIED PRODUCTS**

- WHEREAS, The Associated Students (AS) of California State University, Chico (CSU, Chico) is making incredible strides toward sustainability and supporting CSU, Chico's 6<sup>th</sup> strategic priority; and
- WHEREAS, Technology is ever-changing and often times has negative environmental impacts during both production and disposal, and as technology continues to change the AS can embrace the positive environmental impacts; and
- WHEREAS, The AS has a commitment to reuse and recycling and attempts to keep computers in production for an average of 5 years before donating them. By this practice, the AS can expect to purchase on average about 50 - 70 computers per year
- WHEREAS, There is an easily accessible mechanism for evaluating the sustainability of electronic products (both lifespan and environmental effects), which is the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT), which offers a clear and consistent set of environmental performance criteria; and
- WHEREAS, EPEAT certified products fall within the categories of laptops, monitors, computer processing units (CPUs) and "all-in-one" systems; and
- WHEREAS, The State of California purchases EPEAT certified products and the CSU, Chico is a California State agency; and
- WHEREAS, No other CSU campus has made an EPEAT certified purchasing commitment and therefore CSU Chico can lead the CSU system in committing to purchasing environmentally friendly electronic equipment; and therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the AS will only purchase EPEAT certified products in the categories of laptops, monitors, CPUs and "all-in-one" systems, and will give priority to gold rated products; and be it
- RESOLVED, Since there are approximately 400 certified EPEAT products the AS will make gradual changes toward higher standards of EPEAT certified products (i.e. bronze, silver, and gold) as more products become accessible as the AS Information Technology (IT) Department sees fit; and be it
- RESOLVED, Should EPEAT certified products not be available, then efforts will be made toward purchasing the next most sustainable product; and be it
- RESOLVED, By endorsing this resolution and forwarding it to the AS Board of Directors, the Government Affairs Committee encourages the BOD to address an EPEAT product purchasing policy throughout the corporation; and be it
- RESOLVED, That the AS encourage the CSU, Chico to implement similar purchasing practices; 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 and students of CSU, Chico in addition to the California State Student Association (CSSA).
- PROPOSED, 3/10/2008  
PASSED, 3/24/2008?

*Approved by GAC: 3/24/08*

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES

Monday, March 24, 2008

2 PM

BMU 205

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Raquel Bataller-Hodges, Dan Alexander, Alexander Campos, Osazee Edebiri, Drew Lewis, Julie Wright

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Don Hankins (excused), Amber Harris (excused), Herman Ellis, Sue Anderson, Rob Felicano (excused)

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Jon Slaughter (recording), James Newman, Nicole Zongus

**GALLERY** – Roll not taken.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Bataller-Hodges, called the meeting to order at 2:13 PM
- II. **AGENDA** – With Bataller-Hodges' approval, Lewis added appointment of new AFC member to the business section of the agenda.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the 3/10/08 regular meeting minutes – Motion to approve the minutes of the 3/10/08 meeting as presented ( Wright/ Campos ). 5 / 0 / 0 MSC.
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None
- VI. **OPINION** – Newman thought the GAC pictures should be taken at a later date. People didn't look so hot today.
- VII. **BUSINESS**
  - A. Introduction: Andrew Blansfeld to Activity Fee Council. Lewis asked the Committee to suspend rules to allow Blansfeld to vote at the upcoming AFC meeting

Motion to suspend rules (Wright /Campos) MSC 4-0-1

Motion to approve Andrew Blansfeld to the Activity Fee Council (Alexander/Edebiri) MSC 4-0-1
  - B. Action Item: Approval of Resolution in Support of Purchasing EPEAT Certified Products. Action Requested: Motion to Approve Resolution in Support of Purchasing EPEAT Certified Products, as presented (Alexander/Wright) 5-0-0 MSC.

Wright passed out an amended resolution and noted the mention of certifications had been changed to "ratings." In addition will purchase has been changed to the "AS is committed to purchase." There was general discussion about costs, inventory, life span, and energy star ratings. Alexander suggested adding "BOD" after Board of Directors in the 4<sup>th</sup> resolve.
  - C. Information Item: Activity Fee Fund Budget Overview Part II. Slaughter continued orienting the committee to the various sections that make up the Activity Fee Fund. His concentration for this meeting was directed towards the Administration and Operational Cost sections of the budget. He also previewed the Programmatic I and II sections which will be covered at a later date.
- VIII. **REPORT: DIRECTOR, AS PROGRAMS AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS** – Slaughter announced that he had no additional report.
- IX. **REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT** – Bataller-Hodges announced the office potluck is on for Wednesday
- X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Earth Month starts April 1. SFAC deadline is approaching April 11.
- XI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None