

Resolution in support of the Associated Students committing to the Real Food Challenge's Campus Commitment

Whereas; Colleges and universities must exercise leadership in our communities and throughout society by modeling ways to support ecologically sustainable, humane and socially equitable food systems.

Whereas; U.S. colleges and universities have the capacity to significantly impact our nation's food system through their decisions.

Whereas; Real Food, and related environmental and social issues, now play a critical role in attracting students to institutions of higher education.

Whereas; The Real Food Campus Commitment provides a simple, expert-approved, student-tested model for achieving food policy changes and evaluating progress, whilst being compatible with other assessment programs (such as Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System [AASHE's STARS]).

Whereas; California State University, Chico will be the first CSU to sign the Real Food Campus Commitment.

Whereas; Purchasing sustainably grown produce from California would align our campus food system with the American College & University President's Climate Commitment and the university's commitment to divest from fossil fuels.

Whereas; Adopting the Real Food Campus Commitment will support the CSU system wide policy on sustainability that would encourage each CSU to meet the Real Food Challenge by 2020.

Whereas; With the support of the Real Food Challenge, schools are changing the type of food served on their campuses and shifting millions of dollars toward small farmers, fair trade businesses, sustainable agriculture, humane animal husbandry, and healthy food.

Be it resolved; The Associated Students and Dining Services commit to annually increase procurement of "real-food" – defined as local/community-based, fair, ecologically sound, and/or humane by the Real Food Calculator – so as to meet or exceed 20% of food purchases by 2020.

Be it further resolved; The Associated Students commits to forming a food systems working group under the direction of its Board, in which they will establish a transparent reporting system, conduct the Real Food Calculator, participate in an annual progress report, and implement an official real food policy and multi-year action plan.

Be it further resolved; The Associated Students commits to making the real food policy, multi-year action plan and annual progress reports publicly available online and throughout the Real Food Challenge.

Be it further resolved; The Associated Students commits to increasing awareness about ecologically sustainable, humane and socially equitable food systems on campus.

On 5/5/16 GAC approved Forwarding this

ASBC tabled this on 9/28/15

Motion passed at ASBC on 10/12/15