

Resolution for Stanford to Become a Fair Trade University
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Committees Action requested: $\frac{2}{3}$ Approval by the Undergraduate Senate

WHEREAS the Stanford University Code of Conduct states that all members of the Stanford University community “are responsible for sustaining the highest ethical standards of this institution, and of the broader community in which we function,”

WHEREAS what we choose to purchase, eat, and drink impacts farmers, workers, artisans and the environment,

WHEREAS growers of coffee, tea, chocolate and other products produced in Latin America, Africa, and Asia are often paid less than a living wage, and forced child labor may be involved,

WHEREAS conventional means of growing coffee and other commodities are often damaging to the environment, harming local ecosystems,

WHEREAS Fair Trade ensures fair wages, safe working conditions, and environmental sustainability, and prohibits forced labor of any kind,

WHEREAS many campus groups around the country and the world already support Fair Trade,

WHEREAS sustainability is a core value and Stanford and supporting Fair Trade is an effective way to put into practice the principles of social justice and environmental sustainability,

WHEREAS by becoming a Fair Trade College/University Stanford University will further demonstrate a commitment to sustainability,

WHEREAS by becoming a Fair Trade College/University, Stanford University will more effectively educate the campus community about Fair Trade,

WHEREAS by becoming a Fair Trade College/University, Stanford University will inspire other institutions and organizations to support Fair Trade,

WHEREAS by becoming a Fair Trade College/University, Stanford University will enhance its image as a leader in sustainability and social justice issues,

WHEREAS by becoming a Fair Trade College/University, only Stanford students would be intentionally exposed to Stanford purchased Fair Trade products,

WHEREAS by becoming a Fair Trade College/University, only Stanford students are intentionally being educated to use their power as consumers to do good,

WHEREAS by becoming a Fair Trade College/University, only Stanford students would

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Associated Students of Stanford University Undergraduate Senate, exercising its representative authority on behalf of all undergraduates:

THAT the ASSU Undergraduate Senate calls upon that Stanford University should dedicate itself to be a Fair Trade University, which would consist of the following:

1. The university will continue to work with its food service contractor and continue to make Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and other Fair Trade products available in its dining facilities, consistent with the terms of food service contracts and where the resulting costs do not significantly jeopardize board rate costs.
2. The university will work with its food service contractor to make Fair Trade products available at catered meetings hosted by the school, consistent with the terms of the food service contract.
3. The university will work with its food service contractor and office supplier to make Fair Trade products available for administrative and faculty offices whenever possible and consistent with the terms of existing contracts.
4. The university will include Fair Trade food products, apparel and handicrafts (such as jewelry, and other gift items) in campus stores whenever possible and subject to the terms of vendor contracts.
5. The university will support students, staff, and faculty working to increase on-campus awareness of Fair Trade through events, the incorporation of Fair Trade into curricula, and other efforts.
6. The university commits itself to exploring the incorporation of Fair Trade procurement into current purchasing practices and policies. Stanford dining has already begun this process.
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8. The university will identify and promote Fair Trade products at campus functions and stores with appropriate signage or information.
9. The university, in consultation with the Fair Trade Committee and Stanford Dining will oversee the implementation of the above commitments.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the ASSU Undergraduate Senate, exercising its representative authority on behalf of all undergraduates, calls upon our university to affirm its commitment to sustaining the highest ethical standards for all people by dedicating itself to becoming a Fair Trade College/University and committing itself to the criteria necessary to become a Fair Trade College/University.