

Resolution Regarding the CSUSM Sustainability Fee

Whereas, a team of CoBA Senior Experience students commissioned by the CSUSM Sustainability Club found that the majority of the 375 students surveyed are in support (46%) or indifferent (28%) to the implementation of a per semester, opt-out, Sustainability Fee;

Whereas, the implementation of a Sustainability Fee would serve to further campus sustainability projects, congruent with university values and vision and student popular opinion, and complementing ongoing conservation projects such as Campus as Living Lab;

Whereas, the university strives to foster a culture of sustainability; integrate sustainability into curriculum; reduce our energy, waste, and water footprint; strive for social equality; implement the Sustainability Master Plan; illustrate the benefits of equitable finance; and create opportunities for students, staff, and faculty to learn about sustainability;

Whereas, California State University San Marcos takes pride in its continued effort as a leader in the sustainability and conservation community among California State University campuses and beyond;

Whereas, students desire a more active voice in the activities of the university affecting social, environmental, and financial issues related to them;

Whereas, a Sustainability Fee funding student-sponsored, student-driven projects would allow students to play a role in shaping their university, providing practical project-management experience and turning California State University San Marcos into a living showcase highlighting the pinnacle of student achievement; and

Whereas, the funds amassed by the implementation of a renewable Sustainability Fee would require stewardship; with the support and guidance of the Department of Energy Management and Utility Services, and the Department of Safety, Risk, and Sustainability; to determine award allocation and supervision; and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Associated Students Inc. of California State University San Marcos is advocating on behalf of the student body by supporting the implementation of a five dollar, opt-out Sustainability Fee;

Resolved, that a Sustainability Fee would cement San Marcos' position at the forefront of universities and enhance our progressive reputation;

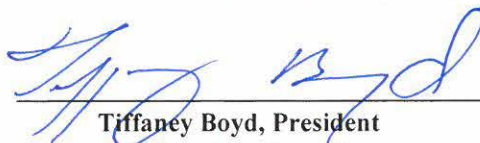
Resolved, that projects with a high level of student involvement would directly satisfy a student demand for more university interface;

Resolved, that ASI supports the creation of a committee composed of members of the CSUSM student-at-large population, ASI, the Department of Safety, Risk, and Sustainability; Student Fee Advocacy Committee; and Sustainability Advisory Council to administer the funds to student-driven initiatives; and

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to CSU Chancellor Timothy White; CSUSM President Karen Haynes; Executive Council; the Department of Safety, Risk, and Sustainability; Student Fee Advocacy Committee; Sustainability Advisory Council; the Cougar Chronicle; the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.

Respectfully submitted by:

Passed and Adopted by the Associated Students of California State University San Marcos
Board of Directors



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