



|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>S.1819-148R</b>                     | <b>DATE INTRODUCED:</b> April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 |
| <b>SPONSORED BY:</b> Senator Holdridge | <b>COMMITTEE:</b> N/A                                 |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b> Fair Trade Resolution  | <b>COMMITTEE VOTE:</b> N/A                            |
| <b>SENATE VOTE:</b> 30-0-0             | <b>LEGISLATIVE RESULT:</b> PASS                       |

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

**Action Requested**


That the University at Albany Student Association calls upon the University at Albany, SUNY to seek formal recognition as a Fair-Trade institution.

- I. WHEREAS, what we choose to purchase, eat, and drink impacts farmers, workers, artisans, and the environment; and
- II. 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; and
- III. WHEREAS, conventional means of growing coffee and other commodities are often damaging to the environment, harming local ecosystems;
- IV. WHEREAS, Fair Trade ensures fair wages, safe working conditions, and environmental sustainability, and prohibits forced labor of any kind; and
- V. WHEREAS, The University at Albany, SUNY has endorsed the Earth Charter (or Millennium Development Goals, or other statements of principles), and supporting Fair Trade is an effective way to put into practice the principles of social justice and environmental sustainability; and
- VI. WHEREAS, by becoming a Fair Trade College/University, The University at Albany, SUNY will demonstrate a commitment to sustainability, more effectively educate the campus community about Fair Trade, inspire other institutions and organizations to support Fair Trade, and enhance our image as a leader in sustainability and social justice issues; and
- VII. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That University at Albany, SUNY should dedicate itself to be a Fair Trade College/University, which would consist of the following:
  1. Dining facilities: The college/university will work with its food service contractor to make Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and other Fair Trade products available in its

4/10/19

Passed by the Senate

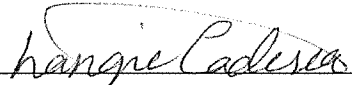
I, Brandon D. Holdridge, attest this is a true and valid record of action taken by the Student Association Senate on the date provided.

  
Sen. Brandon D. Holdridge, Chair

dining facilities, consistent with the terms of food service contracts and where the resulting costs do not significantly jeopardize board rate costs.

2. Catered events: The college/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. Offices: The college/university will work with its food service contractor and/or office supplier to make Fair Trade products available for administrative and faculty offices whenever possible and consistent with the terms of existing contracts.
4. Stores: The college/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. Education: The college/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. Procurement: The college/university commits itself to explore the incorporation of Fair Trade procurement into current purchasing practices and policies. This process will begin within six months after the ratification of this document.
7. Acknowledgment: The college/university will identify and promote Fair Trade products at campus functions and stores with appropriate signage or information.
8. Implementation: The college/university, in consultation with the (e.g., FAIR TRADE COMMITTEE, CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL, etc.) will oversee the implementation of the above commitments.

VIII. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Havidan Rodriguez, President of the University at Albany, Todd Foreman, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Kevin Williams, Dean of Graduate Education, Mary Ellen Mallia, Director of Sustainability, Stephen Pearse, Executive Director of University Auxiliary Services, Michael Christakis, Vice President of Student Affairs, Jeff Kurto, Sodexo Retail Manager, and Mr. John Giarrusso, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Langie Cadesca, *President*

4/10/19  
*Passed by the Senate*

I, Brandon D. Holdridge, attest this is a true and valid record of action taken by the Student Association Senate on the date provided.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Sen. Brandon D. Holdridge, Chair*