

Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo

Resolution #08-08

ASI Supports the Establishment of an Office of Sustainability

- WHEREAS: Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) is the official voice of Cal Poly students, and
- WHEREAS: ASI resolution #03-05 and Academic Senate resolution #598-03/TC endorsed the signing of the Talloires Declaration, a written commitment supporting and encouraging campus wide action towards “green practices” and sustainability, and
- WHEREAS: In Spring of 2003, President Baker signed the Talloires declaration recognizing its consistencies with the Cal Poly Master Plan, and
- WHEREAS: The signing of the Talloires Declaration committed Cal Poly to a ten-point program promoting sustainability, the point relevant being “Maintain the Movement,” a sub-point that calls for the “establishment of a Secretariat and a steering committee to continue momentum, and to inform and support efforts in carrying out this declaration,” and
- WHEREAS: Cal Poly students have lead efforts towards promoting sustainable practices through over 19 campus wide organizations and events, demonstrating that working towards a sustainable world is a priority, and
- WHEREAS: Between four and five thousand students attended the January 31st, 2008 Focus the Nation event, an educational forum dedicated to empowering students to “reduce their carbon footprint” and to live within the highest means of sustainable habits, and
- WHEREAS: Funding is essential in the implementation of projects, organizations, and events focused on sustainability, and
- WHEREAS: Establishing a central location where funding for sustainability-specific programs and projects will be dispersed supports Provost Durgin’s “Sustainability Framework”, a document written January 2nd, 2008 outlining Cal Poly’s values and vision regarding sustainability, and
- WHEREAS: Currently, a central location for said groups to collaborate and convene does not exist on campus, and
- THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: ASI recommends that an on campus “Office of Sustainability” be established, and
- FURTHERMORE
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RESOLVED: ASI recommends that the “Office of Sustainability” be recognized as a clearing-house for information regarding sustainability on campus, with an emphasis on curriculum, professional development, extra-curricular achievement, and research, and

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RESOLVED: ASI recommends that the "Office of Sustainability" be capable of providing financial support for projects and programs committed to the promotion and advancement of sustainability, and

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RESOLVED: ASI recommends that a full time director position be implemented to better facilitate the success of an "Office of Sustainability".

CERTIFIED as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the Associated Students, Inc. this 9th day of April, 2008.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by majority vote on April 9, 2008.

ASI Secretary

ASI Chair of the Board

ASI President

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