

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

Resolution #19-03

ASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' STANCE ON THE SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES  
OF CAMPUS DINING

- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serves as the official voice of students at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), San Luis Obispo, and
- WHEREAS: On September 10, 2018, the Cal Poly Office of the President issued its draft 2018-2023 Strategic Plan<sup>1</sup> in which Strategic Priority 7, Goal 7D states that Cal Poly is committed to “make the whole campus environment smart, resilient, and carbon neutral,<sup>1”</sup> and
- WHEREAS: Single-use dishware contributes to significant greenhouse gas emissions, and the Strategic Plan lists a potential measure to accomplish Goal 7D as “reduced greenhouse gas emissions,” and
- WHEREAS: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finds that food packaging accounts for almost 23% of the materials landfilled in the United States, equal to about 39 million tons per year,<sup>2</sup> and
- WHEREAS: The Cal Poly 2016 Sustainability Biennial Progress Report<sup>3</sup> shows that 2,000 tons of waste were landfilled in 2015, equal to 160 lbs. per capita, and
- WHEREAS: Stakeholders in Campus Dining, including the Director and Assistant Director of Campus Dining, are in favor of moving towards more environmentally sustainable practices throughout Campus Dining,<sup>4</sup> and
- WHEREAS: Cal Poly’s 805 Kitchen currently utilizes reusable dishware, exemplifying the practicality of sustainable dishware in Cal Poly’s dining facilities, and
- WHEREAS: Vista Grande possesses the infrastructure necessary to wash and process reusable dishware in a sustainable fashion.
- THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED: As the official voice of the Cal Poly students, the ASI Board of Directors strongly urges Cal Poly Corporation to continue to increase its efforts to achieve Strategic Priority 7, Goal 7D by offering sustainable, reusable dishware as an alternative to single-use food packaging and containers in Vista Grande, the future

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1 Cal Poly 2018-2023 Strategic Plan - <http://strategicplanning.calpoly.edu/>

2 EPA: Reducing Wasted Food & Packaging - [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/reducing\\_wasted\\_food\\_pkg\\_tool.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/reducing_wasted_food_pkg_tool.pdf)

3 Cal Poly 2016 Biennial Progress Report - <https://afd.calpoly.edu/sustainability/about/sustainability-reports>

4 Campus Dining's Commitment to Sustainability - <https://www.calpolydining.com/sustainability/>

Building 19 post-renovation, and all subsequent dining facilities,  
and

FURTHERMORE  
BE IT

RESOLVED: This resolution be sent to Jeffrey D. Armstrong, University  
President, Lorie Leetham, Cal Poly Corporation Executive Director,  
and Tom Visvikis, Director of Campus Dining.

Certified as the true and correct copy,  
in witness thereof, I have set my hand  
and Seal of the San Luis Obispo Cal  
Poly Associated Students, Inc. this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of  
the Board of Directors at San Luis  
Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students,  
Inc. this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

Attest:

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ASI Secretary

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Signed:

ASI Chair of the Board

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Signed:

ASI President

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