



## MEMORANDUM

TO: ASI Board of Directors

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**SUBJECT: Endorsement #20-02: Academic Senate “Resolution on Adding a Sustainability Catalog Option to Schedule Builder”**

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**Purpose of the proposed Endorsement:** The purpose of this endorsement is to promote the creation of sustainability related courses at Cal Poly and show allyship towards students, staff, and faculty who have accepted a role in working towards an end to the global climate crisis. Understanding an issue as large as climate change and its effects on humanity requires a solid education in the area of environmental literacy. By informing students which courses will assist them in becoming more environmentally literate, Cal Poly students will have increased access to an education that will increase their hirability in an ever-growing sustainability-focused job market.

**Background:** Cal Poly’s Academic Senate Sustainability Committee is tasked with reviewing courses to be added to the Cal Poly Sustainability Catalog (SusCat) based on criteria specified in prior Academic Senate resolutions. The purpose of the SusCat is threefold:

- To help student find courses and programs that focus on sustainability
- To allow faculty to highlight the courses they teach in sustainability
- To track and grow the list of sustainability offerings in Cal Poly academics

Additionally, Cal Poly’s rating according to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) is influenced by the presence and quality of sustainability in the curricula. By endorsing this resolution, the ASI Board of Directors would be supporting increased efforts of environmental literacy, in addition, to bettering our AASHE STARS rating.

**Requested Action:** It is requested that the ASI Board of Directors approve Endorsement #20-xx: Academic Senate “Resolution on Adding a Sustainability Catalog Option to Schedule Builder”. By demonstrating support for this resolution, the ASI Board of Directors affirms the need to include sustainability in Cal Poly’s curriculum. If approved, please forward this endorsement to University Registrar Cem Sunata, Academic Senate Chair Dustin Stegner, and Academic Senate Sustainability Chair David Braun.

**Attachment**

*(Academic Senate - Resolution on Adding a Sustainability Catalog Option to Schedule Builder)*