

Sixtieth Legislative Council
of the
Associated Students

Begun and held at the University of California at Santa Barbara, in the City of Santa Barbara on the eleventh day of May, two thousand eleven, in the sixtieth year of our association.

A Bill

To

Add Sustainable Purchasing to the AS Financial Policies

Whereas: Associated Students has demonstrated its role as a campus leader in sustainability through its strong purchasing standards, and the willingness of students and staff within AS to further educate themselves about how to reduce their environmental impact, and;

Whereas: From Fall 2009 to Spring 2010, Associated Students was assessed through the student-led coalition, Program for the Assessment and Certification for the Environment and Sustainability (PACES). This assessment focused specifically on the AS/MCC building, and used the found information to provide recommendations for policies that can be adopted by Legislative Council to make Associated Students more sustainable, and;

Whereas: UC Santa Barbara acknowledges the value of purchasing environmentally preferable products when possible, thus AS should follow suit, and;

Whereas: The AS goal is that 50% of the cost of goods purchased will comply with a minimum of the criteria to be considered sustainable, and;

Whereas: AS utilized BKM when remodeling offices, and thus this practice should be institutionalized into a policy, and;

Whereas: Associated Students makes an effort to buy sustainable, organic food, yet does not currently have a policy around food, so whether or not the food is sustainable varies, and;

Whereas: The procurement guidelines outlined below specify sustainable purchasing practices to be used in the ongoing operations of University facilities. While it is infeasible that all purchases be environmentally preferable, it is a value to purchase such materials when available, and priority consideration should be given to all products that meet and/or vendors who supply any environmentally preferable materials.

Therefore let it be enacted by the Associated Students in the Legislative Council assembled: The following sustainable purchasing policy will take effect to lead the Association to be more sustainable and responsible through its purchasing practices.

SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING

- A) ASUCSB will further its role as a campus leader in sustainability through purchasing standards that will lead to a more environmentally friendly and socially conscious Association.
- B) Purchasing will focus on consumables, food, durable goods, and furniture. Funding used within A.S. must adhere to this purchasing policy.
- C) The guidelines written out below specify sustainable purchasing practice to be used in the ongoing operations of the University and Associated Students' facilities.
- D) Sustainable purchasing of Ongoing Consumables
 - a. Ongoing consumables refer to low cost-per-unit supplies that are regularly utilized and replaced.
 - b. Sustainable ongoing consumables will be purchased from vendors who supply environmentally preferable material when available.
 - c. All paper purchased must contain at least thirty percent (30%) post-consumer recycled content and consist of at least fifty percent (50%) Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified paper products
 - d. Materials must consist of at least fifty percent (50%) rapidly renewable materials (defined as harvestable in less than a ten (10)-year cycle).
 - e. Products and materials must be locally harvested/extracted and processed (within five hundred (500) miles of UCSB). This includes t-shirts, "swag", and any other promotional material.
 - f. Other ongoing consumables to purchase as sustainable products as needed and if available:
 - i. Rechargeable batteries
 - ii. Toner cartridges
 - iii. Binders and office supplies
 - g. When feasible, paperless practices should be maximized to minimize waste by the Association.
 - i. Web-based catalogs, directories, applications, and programs should be utilized over paper.
 - ii. Double-sided printing should be utilized at all time, unless single-sided required.
- E) Sustainable purchasing of Food
 - a. Funds utilized by the organization for food, beverages, plateware, and utensils for events and meetings should be used towards organic, locally grown, reusable, and compostable. The Association should strive towards zero waste with food products.
 - b. For all food purchased for events, at least fifty percent (50%) of the total combined food and beverage purchases (by cost) for that single event must be sustainable.
 - c. For all food purchased for meetings, at least fifty percent (50%) of the total combined food and beverage purchases (by cost) for all the meetings of the quarter combined must be sustainable.
 - d. To be considered sustainable, food and beverages must meet one or more of the following criteria, meeting the UCOP Policy on Sustainability.
 - i. Must be produced within a one hundred (100)-mile radius of UCSB (locally grown).
 - ii. Must contain one or more of the following labels: USDA Certified Organic, Food Alliance Certified, Rainforest Alliance Certified, Protected Harvest Certified, Fair Trade or Marine Stewardship Council's Blue Eco-Label.
 - iii. Domestic Fair Trade Certified
 - iv. Coffee must be shade-grown or bird friendly
 - v. Meat and egg purchases must be AGA Grassfed, Pasture Raised, Certified Humane Raised and Handled, Cage-free
 - e. Purchasing of plateware and utensils
 - i. No student funds can be used to purchase Styrofoam.
 - ii. Fifty percent (50%) of utensils used within Associated Students (meeting, events) must be compostable.
 - iii. Purchase of reusable goods should be encouraged and promoted, such as bottles, plates, cups, and utensils.
 - f. Plastic water bottles purchases
 - i. Plastic water bottles cannot be purchased for use in meetings, offices, and small events.
 - ii. Plastic water bottles can only be purchased for events occurring outside that expect more than two hundred (200) people.

- iii. Use of water coolers and cups should be utilized when possible, and are preferred.
- F) Sustainable purchasing of durable goods
 - a. Durable goods are high value products that are replaced less frequently and have a higher cost per unit than ongoing consumables, including but not limited to computers, copiers, printers, scanners, fax machines, refrigerators and other appliances.
 - b. Sustainable options should be taken into consideration and purchased when available. These options should be:
 - i. ENERGY STAR® rated products
 - ii. Bronze registration or higher under the Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT). Additional consideration will be given for products that have earned EPEAT Silver or EPEAT Gold registration.
 - iii. Electronic equipment shall be delivered with energy conservation features enabled
 - iv. Battery-powered or corded equipment replaces conventional gas-powered equipment where feasible
- G) Sustainable Purchasing of Furniture
 - a. Department will purchase salvaged, refurbished or used furniture to the extent practical.
 - b. When purchasing new furniture, fifty percent (50%) of the costs of purchases should meet one of the following characteristics:
 - i. Contains at least ten percent (10%) post-consumer and/or twenty percent (20%) post-industrial material
 - ii. Contains at least seventy percent (70%) material salvaged from on-site, through UCSB Central Stores or other internal equipment reuse program
 - iii. Contains at least seventy percent (70%) material salvaged from off-site or outside UCSB
 - iv. Consists of at least fifty percent (50%) rapidly renewable materials (bamboo, cotton, cork, wool)
 - v. Locally harvested/extracted and processed (within five hundred (500) miles of UCSB)
 - vi. Consists of at least fifty percent (50%) FSC-certified wood

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