

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FORTY-FIFTH SENATE
EIGHTEENTH SESSION
February 3, 2016**

**RESOLUTION #4514
Fair Trade University Certification**

SPONSORED BY: External Affairs Committee; Josh Williams, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Mike Lensky, Senator, College of Business

WRITTEN BY: Kate Kenny and Evelin Preciado, Fair Trade University Club Presidents
COLLABORATED WITH: Lindsey Earl, Previous Fair Trade University President

ENDORSED BY: Fair Trade University Student Organization, Center for Fair and Alternative Trade, Sociology Department, Global Social Sustainable Enterprise Business Masters, Student Sustainability Center, Palm Oil Committee Student Organization, Multicultural Greek Council, President's Sustainability Committee, Engineers Without Borders Student Organization, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

ABSTRACT: This bill contains statistics, facts, and reports regarding Fair Trade products at Colorado State University. The purpose of this bill is to obtain a signature from the ASCSU senate, which will enable Colorado State University to obtain the official title of Fair Trade University. This resolution highlights that Colorado State University can improve on the quality and availability of Fair Trade products on campus, and encourages education to students and faculty about Fair Trade and why it is so important.

WHEREAS

Fair Trade products are certified to ensure workers are given a living wage and fair working conditions. Local products adhere to Colorado laws surrounding wages and work standards; and,

WHEREAS

Less than 1% of products sourced by Colorado State University are Fair Trade; and,

WHEREAS

Colorado State University sources from factories in developing countries that are deregulated, characterized by lack of regulations, and inadequate enforcement of labor, trade, and environmental regulations. This sourcing goes against CSU's Environment and Sustainability policies; and,

WHEREAS

Over one hundred students and staff signed a petition to make Colorado State University a Fair Trade certified university; and,

WHEREAS

The Fair Trade University Certification ensures that customers have Fair Trade or local items on the Fort Collins Colorado State University campus; and,

WHEREAS

Colorado State University already has an accomplished Fair Trade Research Center (The Center for Fair and Alternative Trade—CFAT). CFAT will provide technical assistance to CSU and the Fair Trade University Initiative to ensure that the highest standards of Fair Trade and local sourcing are upheld; and,

WHEREAS

The nearest university with a Fair Trade University Certification is in Omaha, Nebraska and this certification will make Colorado State University Fort Collins competitive with surrounding educational institutions; and,

WHEREAS

This resolution would not bind the university to mandatory commitment, but rather create national recognition of Colorado State University through Fair Trade Campaign's organizational movement, and will heighten campus education and awareness about Fair Trade and Fair Trade products; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That Colorado State University will continue to commit to educating students and staff about Fair and Alternative Trade by doing the following:

Dining Facilities—Colorado State University will continue the use of Fair Trade coffee in Colorado State University dining halls, and will strive to implement local products to students when available.

Catering—Colorado State University will provide Fair Trade and/or local products on the Lory Student Center Catering menu.

Offices—Colorado State University will mandate posters in University break rooms that encourage Fair Trade and local products, and educate students and faculty on what Fair Trade is.

Stores—Colorado State University, within the confines of the Fort Collins campus, will make Fair Trade and/or local products available to students, and will actively strive to increase the 1% product availability aforementioned.

Acknowledgement—Colorado State University will make obvious the Fair Trade and local products that are available for purchase or consumption through a standardized, campus-wide system.

Accountability—Colorado State University will actively support the education and enforcement of Fair Trade ideals around the Fort Collins campus.

; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Forty-Fifth Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University officially endorse their previously made commitment to endorse the Fair Trade University Resolution and Certification; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

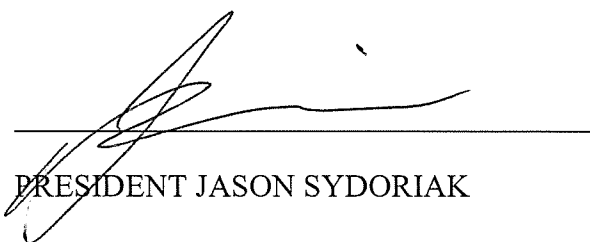
That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Tony Frank, Colorado State University President; and Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; Jason Sydoriak, ASCSU President.

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PRESIDENT JASON SYDORIAK

2/8/2016

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VICE PRESIDENT PHOENIX DUGGER

2/4/16

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