RESOLUTION No. 2013-14-26

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REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL
ACTION APPROVED: April 25, 2014

SUBJECT: Formation of the Food Systems Working Group

WHEREAS, the Associated Students Council at Humboldt State University (HSU) is the single recognized voice of over 8,000 students; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need for follow-up, implementation, transparency, and codification of Associated Students Resolution no. 2013-14-17, from here on forth known as the Real Food Campus Commitment; and,

WHEREAS, the Humboldt State University Center internally manages and operates HSU’s dining services, and has an ongoing trajectory towards sustainable practices; and,

WHEREAS, the Humboldt State University Housing and Dining Services are contracted from within the Humboldt State University Center Auxiliary; and,

WHEREAS, the Humboldt State University Center Board of Directors maintain two student representatives that are EX-Officio: The Associated Students President and the Associated Students Vice-President of Student Affairs; and,

WHEREAS, Both these Ex-Officio members of the Student Representatives on the Humboldt State University Center reflect the spirit and voice of Students; and,

WHEREAS, per the bylaws of the Humboldt State University Board of Directors, Article VIII Sec. 2-B, Clause 1-A, reads, “Manage commercial Services for the campus, including but not limited to food sales, vending, supplies, and resale merchandise;” and,

WHEREAS, per the bylaws of the Humboldt State University Board of Directors, Article VIII Sec. 2-B, Clause 2-A, allows the Associated Students President one appointment that comes from charge of his/her duties as a Board member to the University Center Business Enterprise Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, the Associated Students President and their appointee to the University Center Business Enterprise Board of Directors have a responsibility that student standards and quality of life get reflected through contracted goods and services; and be it

RESOLVED, the Associated Students hereby establishes a Food Systems Working Group, as outlined in this document, for the specific purpose of implementing the Real Food Campus Commitment at Humboldt State University.
CHARGE: This group is responsible for developing and coordinating the implementation of an official real food policy and multi-year action plan; establish a transparent reporting system, including the Real Food Calculator, to assess Humboldt State’s real food procurement and commit to compiling these assessment results in an annual progress report; and make the real food policy, multi-year action plan, and annual progress reports publicly available online and through the Real Food Challenge, this committee will maintain account of what has been itemized in terms of food at Humboldt State University, reconcile individual reports, combine findings and present real food audits to the Associated Students. Any Student serving on this group must meet guidelines set forth from qualification of student office holders. This group will carry out all responsibilities up until the following actions, hereon mentioned forth, which warrant group dissolution or restructuring in compliance with:

a) A real food policy implementation by the California State University system that matches the priorities of the Real Food Campus Commitment.

b) The Humboldt State University Center allocates 33% (A.S. RES. 2013-14-17) of its budget to what is considered “Real Food” as defined by the Real Food Calculator.

c) The Humboldt State University Center, through limited partnership and official delegation, implements its own Food Systems working group that has 2 students at-large and 1 Associated Students EX-OFFICIO from the University Board of Directors.

CHAIR: One Student At-Large

STUDENT MEMBERS: (1) AS Student Affairs Vice President, (1) Student At-Large (chair), (1) CCAT Representative, (1) RHA Representative, (1) WRRAP member, (1) Student who is familiar with University Dining.

STAFF, FACULTY, and COMMUNITY MEMBERS: (1) Faculty member who will be willing to incorporate food research, food tracking, and class involvement through Praxis, (1) California Center for Rural Policy Affiliate or (1) Member from the Humboldt Food Policy Council, (1) Community member representing local farmers or who is affiliated with Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF), (1) Member from the HSU Office of Sustainability, (1) Professional from HSU Dining Services, (1) UC Board of non-student member

OTHER AFFILIATES: HSU Executive Board, HSU Associated Students, HSU University Center, HSU Resident Housing Association, HSU Office of Sustainability, and any HSU Organization whose mission statement is in alignment with the Real Food Campus Commitment (to be determined by FSWG). Affiliates will serve as resources and guides to the food systems working group and should be consulted with for the integrity of the real food challenge.

TYPE: Associated Students Committee

Meetings: Weekly and as needed

RESOLVED, the Food Systems Working Group, will serve as a body that gives feedback to Associated Students President and their appointee who serves on the University Center Business Enterprise Board of Directors; and be it,
RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to HSU Presidents, Rollin Richmond & Lisa Rossbacher, the HSU Executive Committee, University Center Board of Directors; the HSU Office of Sustainability, CSU Board of Directors, All 23 CSUs and their Associated Student Government, California Center for Rural Policy, Chancellor Timothy White, the Lumberjack, the Times Standard, and the North Coast Journal, President Sarah Couch, CSSA, Community Alliance with Family Farmers, the University Senate, Ron Rudebock, Director of Dining Services and The Real Food Challenge Organization.

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