



RESOLUTION No. 2020-21-07

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REFERRED TO: A.S. Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Resolution to Create Long-Term Nutrition Alternatives

WHEREAS, the Associated Students Board of Directors of Humboldt State University (HSU) is the single recognized voice for over 6,500 students; and,

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Associated Students of Humboldt State University serves to "assist in the protection of rights and interests of the individual student and the student body," and to "stimulate the educational, social, physical, and cultural well-being of the University community"; and,

WHEREAS, in order to promote the physical and cultural well-being, the associated students board of directors must listen to students and explore ways to ensure their voices and initiatives are upheld; and,

WHEREAS, the promotion of the student led initiatives is the foundation of the advocacy that the Associated Students Board of Directors rely on in order to progress the students' agenda here at HSU; and,

WHEREAS, during the spring semester of the spring 2019 year, students expressed interested in having fruit trees on campus in addition, students collectively voted in 2015 on a [resolution In Support of having Fruit Trees on Campus \(2015-16-3\)](#) ; and,

WHEREAS, having fruit trees here on campus would provide a sustainable and equitable way for students to access food here on campus by removing the barrier of needing to go into the campus stores or walk into a faculty, staff, or administrators office during times that may or may not be accessible to said student; and

WHEREAS, the waste from the trees and potential peelings would be able to be re-used in various departments here on campus that are able to process compost, thus providing a steady amount compost fuel to be used for the purposes of said departments; and,

WHEREAS, there are multiple benefits outside of composting that are listed by the company "The Orchard Project" stating that once a single tree is established it can do many things such as: "can provide a large yield of fruit year after year for decades, requiring little human input"¹ additionally, "By working

¹ https://www.theorchardproject.org.uk/guides_and_advice/benefits-of-orchards-and-fruit-growing/

with nature, and not against her, we can create healthy, diverse and resilient systems, while reducing our impact on climate change and environmental degradation”²

WHEREAS, there would also be a boost in school and local pride as cited in the article series “Community Orchard Projects that Inspire” on the website and company “orchard people” stating: “But community orchards are established for a range of reasons:

- To encourage local residents to live more sustainably and to grow their own food
- To educate the community about how fruit grows
- To bring fresh fruit to low-income communities
- To grow food for food banks
- To build community within a neighborhood
- To animate green spaces by providing activities for children and adults
- To create employment training opportunities for young people who want to work in urban agriculture”³ ; and,

WHEREAS, looking inwardly Humboldt States Office of the President cites one of its vision stating: “We will be renowned for social and environmental responsibility and action”; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative would be social and environmental responsibility put into action as well as a clear directive from the student body association requesting that this campus continue its long standing tradition of honoring both shared governance and student initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, the University Senate as per its constitution has the duty to promote the general welfare of the university stating “The Senate shall consider policies with respect to the general welfare of the university” therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Board of Directors, formally support the student-led, representative sponsored initiative of transplanting healthy fruit trees and other edible landscape items onto campus that are native and nutritious such as the California Blackberries in consultation with professors and/or departments related to the field of Botany Taxonomy; furthermore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Board of Directors send this resolution to the University Senate to be considered for concurrent adoption, with the specific purpose of the University Senate delegating this project and initiative to the Landscape and Tree Advisory Committee and/or other appropriate and active committees such as Earth Week Every Week Committee; furthermore, be it,

RESOLVED, that all needed alterations be negotiated through the President of Associated Students and the Student Delegation to the University Senate; furthermore, be it,

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³ <https://orchardpeople.com/community-orchard-projects-that-inspire/>

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to but not limited to: The Lumberjack, El Leñador, the Office of the Humboldt State President, all HSU clubs and student leaders and all Associated Students funded areas.