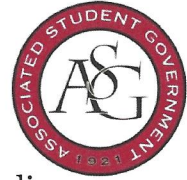


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2 *University of Arkansas*



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4 *ASG Senate Resolution No. 6*  
5 Author(s): Senator Cassidy Cook, Chartwells Sustainability Intern Amelia  
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7 Sponsor(s): Senator Lizeth Martinez  
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9 **A Resolution Supporting the University of Arkansas becoming a Fair**  
10 **Trade Institution**

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12 Whereas, According to the World Fair Trade Organization, “Fair Trade  
13 is a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency,  
14 and respect, that seeks greater equity in international trade.  
15 It contributes to sustainable development by offering better  
16 trading conditions to, and securing the rights of,  
17 marginalized producers and workers.”  
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19 Whereas, There are over 2,000 Fair Trade producer organizations in  
20 more than 70 countries around the world.  
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22 Whereas, What people choose to purchase and consume impacts  
23 farmers, workers, artisans and the environment.  
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25 Whereas, Growers of coffee, tea, chocolate and other products  
26 produced in Latin America, Africa, and Asia are often paid  
27 less than a living wage, and forced child labor is likely  
28 involved;

29 Whereas, Conventional means of growing coffee and other  
30 commodities are often damaging to the environment,  
31 harming local ecosystems, and do not provide workers with  
32 appropriate living wages;  
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34 Whereas, There are tens of thousands of Fair Trade products on the  
35 market, including coffee, tea, chocolate, flowers, fruits and  
36 vegetables, grains, apparel, artisan crafts, and more.  
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38 Whereas, The University of Arkansas has the means to access these fair  
39 trade products;  
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41 Whereas, Fair Trade ensures fair wages, promotes fair labor  
42 conditions, fosters direct trading relationships, promotes

43 democratic and transparent organizations, encourages  
44 community development and environmental sustainability;

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46 Whereas, By becoming a Fair Trade University, University of Arkansas  
47 will demonstrate a commitment to environmental  
48 sustainability, equal wage policies, and social justice;

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50 Whereas, By becoming a Fair Trade University, University of Arkansas  
51 will more effectively educate the campus community about  
52 Fair Trade;

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54 Whereas, By becoming a Fair Trade University, University of Arkansas  
55 will inspire other institutions and organizations to support  
56 Fair Trade;

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58 Whereas, By becoming a Fair Trade University, University of Arkansas  
59 will enhance its image as a leader in sustainability and social  
60 justice issues;

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62 Whereas, The University of Arkansas Office for Sustainability endorses  
63 this campaign and resolution, as it is in line with the Office  
64 for Sustainability's missions and goals;

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66 Be it therefore resolved: Associated Student Government Senate  
67 encourages the University to work with  
68 Chartwells to make Fair Trade coffee, tea,  
69 chocolate and other Fair Trade products  
70 available in its dining facilities, consistent with  
71 the terms of food service contracts and where  
72 the resulting costs do not significantly alter  
73 board rate costs.

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75 Be it further resolved: Associated Student Government Senate  
76 encourages the University to work with  
77 Chartwells to make Fair Trade products  
78 available at catered meetings hosted by the  
79 school, consistent with the terms of the food  
80 service contract.

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82 Be it further resolved: Associated Student Government Senate  
83 encourages the University to offer Fair Trade  
84 products, apparel and handicrafts (such as  
85 jewelry and other gift items) in campus stores

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whenever possible and subject to the terms of vendor contracts.

Be it further resolved:

Associated Student Government Senate encourages the University to support students, staff and faculty working to increase on campus awareness of Fair Trade through events, the incorporation of Fair Trade into curriculum, and other efforts.

Be it further resolved:

Associated Student Government Senate encourages the University to commit itself to explore the incorporation of Fair Trade procurement into current purchasing practices and policies

Be it further resolved:

Associated Student Government Senate encourages the University in consultation with the Fair Trade Committee to oversee the implementation of the above commitments within six months of the ratification of this document;

Be it finally resolved:

A copy of this legislation be sent to Eric Boles, Director of Sustainability, Andrew Lipson, Resident District Manager of Chartwells, Lynne Bell, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business Services, and Charles F. Robinson, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Amendments: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote Count: Aye 47 Nay 3 Abstentions \_\_\_\_\_

Legislation Status: Passed  Failed \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

 11/21/19  
Kianna Sarvestani, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

 11-21-2019  
Jared Pinkerton, ASG President Date