Associated Students of Sonoma State University

RESOLUTION

Creation of Student Produce Grower Grant Service

Whereas The Associated Students of Sonoma State University is the official voice of the over 9,000 students of Sonoma State University; and

Whereas Associated Students supports a variety of programs, services and organizations to enhance the student experience at Sonoma State University; and

Whereas Associated Students encourages opportunities to enhance the development of students through leadership participation, community service, social interaction and the development of individual attitudes and values; and

Whereas There are multiple students growing fresh produce off campus and selling it to Sonoma State Enterprise which purchases food for various dining facilities on campus; and

Whereas The cost associated with starting a produce selling operation as an SSU student is significant, with the cost of liability insurance being the highest (approx. $300/year); and

Whereas The Associated Students of Sonoma State University could drastically reduce the cost of operation for student produce growers by offering grant opportunities to cover initial insurance costs; and
Whereas The Associated Students of Sonoma State University has resolved in a variety of ways to support sustainable campus practices. (Citations attached); and

Whereas Providing this service to students will increase the accessibility and feasibility of growing local produce and will also support sustainable campus practices.

Therefore let it be resolved that Sonoma State University Associated Students provides financial support to support student produce growers in the form of five $300 grants per year; and

Therefore let it be further resolved that each student grower participating in the service complete the Approved Produce Gardener certification through the county of Sonoma Agricultural Commissioner; and

Therefore let it be further resolved that student growers receiving grants be required to show proof of purchase of food liability insurance under their name; and

Therefore let it be further resolved that first time applicants would be given priority; and

Therefore let it be further resolved that the approving authority of the grant will rest with the Vice-President of Finance and the Student Government Coordinator; and

Therefore let it be further resolved that student growers prioritize and contribute to the health and well-being of SSU students by having the primary consumers of the produce be the SSU community; and

Therefore let it be further resolved that this service would start as soon as reasonably possible in the 2013-2014 year; and

Therefore let it be further resolved that the source of funds for the 2013-2014 year will come from the unallocated reserve; and

Therefore let it be further resolved that the source of funds for years thereafter will come from the Associated Students budget.
ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the AS Senate with a 12 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions vote on September 20, 2013.

CERTIFIED as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my signature as Chair of the Senate of the Associated Students of Sonoma State University, this the 24th day of September 2013.

[Signature]

Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate

CERTIFIED as included in the Official Record of the Associated Students of Sonoma State University, in witness thereof, I have set my signature as Corporate Secretary, this the 24th day of September 2013.

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Executive Vice President Anthony Gallino