

**2006-2007
ASUCSD Resolution # 08
February 14, 2007**

Submitted By: Harry Khanna, President

Subject: Resolution in Support of the Immediate Adoption of UC Sustainability Policy Guidelines

The A.S. Council approved the Resolution in Support of the Immediate Adoption of UC Sustainability Policy Guidelines. Document attached.

Approved: 10
Against: 4
Abstain:

Council Approval;
Certified by:

Chair of the Council

Date

President of the Council

Date

Resolution in Support of the Immediate Adoption of UC Sustainability Policy Guidelines

WHEREAS, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has declared the years 2005-2014 as the “Decade of Education for Sustainable Development¹”; and,

WHEREAS, a number of other Universities in the United States and Canada have taken significant steps towards instituting sustainable practices on their campuses, including UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, UC Berkeley, Columbia University, Stanford University, the University of North Carolina, the University of British Columbia, John Hopkins University, Harvard University, MIT, American University, Dartmouth College, the University of Colorado, the University of Pennsylvania, Duke University, Cornell University, Emory University, the University of Florida, California State University at Chico, and many more; and,

WHEREAS, the University of California would be the largest public institution to adopt such innovative policies and would be demonstrating its continued leadership in science and sustainability practices; and,

WHEREAS, the University of California has made a “rich contribution to the economy, health, and quality of life in California²” and has an obligation to continue doing so based on the most current research; and,

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Steering Committee of the UC Office of the President has formulated the UC Sustainability Policy Guidelines, a broad and visionary outline for campus and system-wide sustainability, calling for such robust goals as climate neutrality and zero waste; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the University of California is teaching, research, and public service³, and the adoption of the UC Sustainability Policy Guidelines further the mission of the University of California and will provide a context for cutting-edge research that offers students and professors a real-life laboratory to learn, teach, and collaborate with staff in the service of the greater public; and,

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Steering Committee has recommended requiring all recyclers of the University’s electronic equipment to have signed the Electronics Recyclers Pledge of True Stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the Electronics Recyclers Pledge of True Stewardship⁴ supports socially and environmentally responsible labor practices, specifically ensuring that no hazardous electronic waste is sent abroad to developing countries or to prisons; and,

WHEREAS, the University of California should “continue to lead the way in adopting and implementing environmental sustainability programs⁵;”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that President Dynes should *immediately sign* the UC Sustainability Policy Guidelines into official UC policy, with the necessary approvals from Faculty and Administration, so that implementation can begin as soon as possible on each UC campus; and

¹ <http://www.unesco.org/education/desd>

² <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/uc2025>

³ <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/aboutuc/mission.html>

⁴ http://www.ban.org/pledge/electronics_recycler_pledge.pdf

⁵ http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/ouruniversity/01_07/sustainability.html

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon approval of the UC Sustainability Policy Guidelines, the University of California, San Diego should with all due diligence and speed implement said policies.