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75LCR02 – Fair Foods

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A Resolution of Support for the Fair Foods Value Statement

Resolution History

The Fair Foods Value Statement being distributed to food and beverage suppliers is as follows:

“The University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) seeks to enhance the sustainability experience of our students, faculty, staff and visitors by providing food that is healthy for people and our planet.

We encourage social and environmental justice in purchasing through the humane treatment of all living things, safe and fair working conditions and agricultural practices, and stewardship of ecosystems while operating in an economically sound manner.

CU Boulder endeavors to support practices and vendors that actively seek strategies to reduce the overall amount of pesticides and carbon footprint, support Colorado economies, and stand alongside our peer institutions and private organizations in promoting a healthier, more sustainable agricultural system without significant financial impact on the University.

CU Boulder encourages its suppliers to support these practices and to share CU Boulder’s values with others in order to have a global effect on sustainability.”

Strategies:

To connect with the students’ wishes, the CU Boulder campus has adopted the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) through the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) as the overall strategy in moving forward with Sustainability.

Through STARS OP 6 Dining Operations, CU Boulder has the framework for moving forward by encouraging the purchase of food products that have third party certification. The best third party certifications are those that are all encompassing and include fair price, fair labor conditions, direct trade, democratic and transparent organizations, community development and environmental sustainability.

Vendors Response to CU Fair Food Value Statement

KEY FOOD/BEVERAGE VENDOR TO CU BOULDER	RESPONSIBLE CU BOULDER PARTY TO CONTACT VENDOR	September 9, 2011 VENDOR RESPONSE - CU Fair Food Value Statement
Sysco	HDS	Yes, regional VP and SYSCO fully support it
Robinson Dairy	HDS	Yes, Dean Foods (Robinson Dairy) support it
American Produce	HDS	Yes, American Produce support it
UNFI	HDS	As of 9/9/11 no response
Shamrock	UMC	Yes, Shamrock support it
US Foods	UMC	Yes, US Food complies and support it
Orowheat	UMC	As of 9/9/11 no response
Pepsi	UMC	Yes, PepsiCo support it
Centerplate	Athletic Dept.	Yes, Centerplate has given verbal support

Fair Food Internal Implementation Strategies

Priorities in Implementing a Comprehensive Food Policy

Provide food that is safe and obtained from approved sources that comply with the applicable laws relating to food and food labeling (Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations 3-101).

Increase the proportion of food served at CU Boulder that is locally sourced when seasonality permits in order to, (1) reduce the negative environmental impacts by decreasing the distance food travels from farm to plate; (2) improve the economic vitality of communities in

Colorado; (3) increase the freshness of fruits and vegetables that enter CU Boulder's food supply.

Changes in CU Boulder's food purchasing policies and practices shall not have operational impacts, shall be economically viable and, whenever possible, be cost neutral.

CU Boulder will strive to source and purchase food that is minimally processed, and free from harmful pesticides, hormones and non-therapeutic antibiotics.

Resolution Summary

This resolution seeks the support of Legislative Council for the Fair Foods Value Statement.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Government, THAT:

Section 1: The University of Colorado Student Government hereby supports the Fair Foods Value Statement.

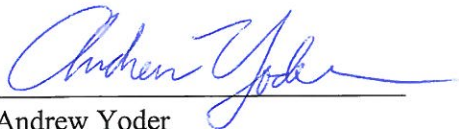
Section 2: This Resolution takes effect upon final passage and upon obtaining the signatures of the CUSG Legislative Council President and the Executives.

Vote Count

10/20/2011

Passed

Acclamation



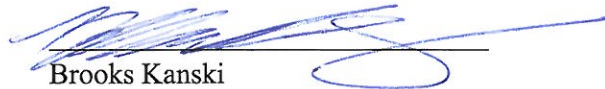
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