

Resolution to Endorse “Fair Trade Campaign”

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- WHEREAS,** What we choose to purchase, eat, and drink impacts farmers, workers, artisans and the environment;
- WHEREAS,** Growers of coffee, tea, chocolate and other products produced in Latin America, Africa, and Asia are often paid less than a living wage, and forced child labor may be involved;
- WHEREAS,** Conventional means of growing coffee and other commodities are often damaging to the environment, harming local ecosystems;
- WHEREAS,** Fair Trade ensures fair wages, safe working conditions, and environmental sustainability, and prohibits forced labor of any kind;
- WHEREAS,** Many campus groups around the country and the world already support Fair Trade;
- WHEREAS,** Butler University has endorsed the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) and supporting Fair Trade is an effective way to put into practice the principles of social justice and environmental sustainability;
- WHEREAS,** By becoming a Fair Trade University, Butler University will demonstrate a commitment to sustainability;
- WHEREAS,** By becoming a Fair Trade University, Butler University will more effectively educate the campus community about Fair Trade;
- WHEREAS,** By becoming a Fair Trade University, Butler University will inspire other Institutions and organizations to support Fair Trade;
- WHEREAS,** By becoming a Fair Trade University, Butler University will enhance its image as a leader in sustainability and social justice issues;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED: That Butler University should dedicate itself to be a Fair Trade University, which would consist of the following:

Dining facilities: Butler University will work with its food service contractor to make at least two Fair Trade products such as coffee and tea available in its dining

facilities, consistent with the terms of food service contracts and where the resulting costs do not significantly jeopardize board rate costs.

Catered events: Butler University will work with its food service contractor to make Fair Trade products available at catered meetings hosted by the school, consistent with the terms of the food service contract.

Offices: Butler University will work with its food service contractor and/or office supplier to make Fair Trade products available for administrative and faculty offices whenever possible and consistent with the terms of existing contracts.

Stores: Butler University will include Fair Trade food products, apparel and handicrafts in campus stores whenever possible and subject to the terms of vendor contracts.

Education: Butler University will support students, staff, and faculty working to increase on-campus awareness of Fair Trade through events, the incorporation of Fair Trade into curricula, and other efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Butler University commits itself to exploring the incorporation of Fair Trade procurement into current purchasing practices and policies. This process will begin within six months after the ratification of this document.

Acknowledgment: Butler University will identify and promote Fair Trade products at campus functions and stores with appropriate signage or information.

Implementation: Butler University, in consultation with Student Government Association, will oversee the implementation of the above commitments.