

Sustainability Coordinator Resolution

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Whereas; the LACCD has committed substantial resources towards multiple bond programs that are committed to building sustainable green (LEED) buildings.

Whereas; the Board of Trustees has mandated certain green practices within the district from materials to waste reduction in an effort to lower costs and conserve (i.e. Board rules Chapter VII, Article XI).

Whereas; the State Student Senate of California has passed a resolution in favor of creating Community College Sustainability Coordinators (see attached).

Whereas; the State of California budget for Community College education is inconsistent at best and colleges are forced to make decisions about the allocation of resources and costs of ongoing operations in concert with local plans and the dictates of the board.

Whereas; the correlation between environmental health and student health is tenuous and may lead to unforeseen long term health issues amongst student populations (i.e. Smoking and Asthma).

Whereas; students may be unaware of the growing field of environmental studies and related initiatives/future and career pathways, as well as potential leadership roles on our campuses and in our communities; therefore let it be

Resolved; that all District ASOs should advocate for and work with college administrators, and other campus and district partners to develop a sustainability coordinator position to assist with the implementation of green practices and policies on campuses; and

Resolved; these coordinators should work with their campus partners in cooperation with the District Facilities office to implement projects and find funding from grants and other programs that would advance the District's sustainability mission as well as the costs of running our colleges in a fiscally prudent manner; and

Resolved; the District and the Board of Trustees establish guidelines that align with the existing vision of sustainability as well as promote policies that reflect an awareness of the connection between environmental health and human health.