



**RESOLUTION No.** 2013-14-17

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**REFERRED TO:** AS COUNCIL  
**ACTION APPROVED:** January 24, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Resolution in Support of the Real Food Campus Commitment and the Real Food for CSU Campaign

1. **WHEREAS**, the Associated Students Council at Humboldt State University (HSU) is the single recognized voice for over 8,000 students; and,
2. **WHEREAS**, the HSU campus explicitly states that we “believe individuals must be environmentally, economically and socially responsible in the quest for viable and sustainable communities”<sup>1</sup>; and,
3. **WHEREAS**, the Humboldt State University Center internally manages and operates HSU’s dining services, and has an ongoing trajectory towards sustainable practices; and,
4. **WHEREAS**, the Real Food Challenge<sup>2</sup> is a national organization designed to shift \$1 billion of existing university budgets away from industrial farms and junk food, and towards “real food”, which they define as food from local/regional, ecologically sustainable, humane and fair sources; and,
5. **WHEREAS**, the Real Food Campus Commitment<sup>3</sup> is a pledge made by colleges and universities across the United States to buy at least 20% "real food" by the year 2020; and,
6. **WHEREAS**, the Real Food for CSU campaign seeks to have “real food” priorities written into the California State University (CSU) sustainability policy, including the procurement of at least 20% "real food" by 2020 for all CSU schools, the tracking of food purchases using the Real Food Calculator, and the engagement of stakeholders in the campus food system; and,
7. **WHEREAS**, investing in “real food” benefits the lives of students, fosters university-community relations by supporting the livelihoods of family farmers and food chain workers, and places our institution in alignment with leading colleges and universities across the country; and,
8. **WHEREAS**, the youngest generation of Americans today will be the first in our nation’s history with a shorter lifespan than their parents, due in part to the food they eat<sup>4</sup>. Our food system is driving an epidemic of diabetes and diet-related disease<sup>5</sup> that is detrimental to health and skyrocketing healthcare costs; and,

<sup>1</sup> Office of the President, Humboldt State University. (2013). “Mission, Vision, and Values”. Website. Retrieved at: <http://www.humboldt.edu/president/vision>


<sup>2</sup> Real Food Challenge. (2014). “About Real Food Challenge.” Website. Retrieved at: <http://www.realfoodchallenge.org/about-real-food-challenge>

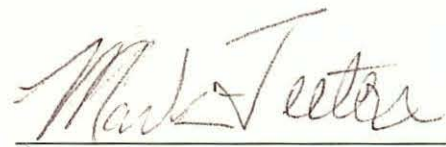
<sup>3</sup> Real Food Challenge. (2014) “The Real Food Campus Commitment.” Website. Retrieved at: <http://www.realfoodchallenge.org/commitment>


<sup>4</sup> Olshansky, S. Jay, Ph. D., et al. "A Potential Decline in Life Expectancy in the United States in the 21st Century." The New England Journal of Medicine 352.11 (2005): 1138-145. Electronic article. Retrieved at: <http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMSr043743#t=article>.




9. **WHEREAS**, industrial agricultural and livestock practices are fueling climate change through the heavy application of nitrogen fertilizers, the destruction of the soil carbon sink<sup>6</sup>, the volatilization of methane from the more than 335 million tons of manure annually<sup>7</sup>, and the use of fossil fuel based transportation to move products over vast distances<sup>8</sup>; and,
10. **WHEREAS**, the loss of our nation's small and family farms is harmful to the security of American communities, creating food monopolies among limited centralized producers and a dependency upon global transportation and a volatile petroleum market; and,
11. **WHEREAS**, the Real Food Campus Commitment will help raise awareness about the importance of developing a holistic food system at this CSU campus, heightening awareness of the new green revolution, which seeks to sustain our soil and our planet; therefore, be it
12. **RESOLVED**, that the Associated Students Council of HSU supports the Real Food for CSU campaign, and urges all 23 campuses of the CSU system to fully participate in the Real Food Challenge; and be it further
13. **RESOLVED**, we humbly request that the University Center implements the Real Food Campus Commitment, monitoring purchases in order to increase purchases of "real food", as defined by the Real Food Calculator, to 33% of the total food budget by 2020; and be it further
14. **RESOLVED**, we humbly request that the University Center creates a university-wide Food Systems Working Group, that includes students, to develop plans to evaluate HSU's progress towards achieving the stated goal as well as to prepare an annual report for the Board of Directors as well as the Associated Students; and be it finally
15. **RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the University Center Board of Directors; Ron Rudebock, Director of Dining Services; President Rollin Richmond, HSU; Chancellor Timothy White, CSU; the CSU Board of Trustees; President Sarah Couch, CSSA; the Associated Students of each of the CSU's 23 campuses; the Lumberjack; the Times Standard; and the North Coast Journal.

  
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<sup>5</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2011). "Obesity - At A Glance." Website. Retrieved at: <http://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/resources/publications/AAG/obesity.htm>.

<sup>6</sup> Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. (2013). *Working Group I Contribution to The IPCC Fifth Assessment Report Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis*. Electronic report. Retrieved at: [http://www.climatechange2013.org/images/uploads/WGIAR5\\_WGI-12Doc2b\\_FinalDraft\\_All.pdf](http://www.climatechange2013.org/images/uploads/WGIAR5_WGI-12Doc2b_FinalDraft_All.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> USDA Agricultural Research Service. (2006). "FY2005 Annual Report Manure and Byproduct Utilization." Electronic report. Retrieved at: [http://www.ars.usda.gov/research/programs/programs.htm?np\\_code=206&docid=13337](http://www.ars.usda.gov/research/programs/programs.htm?np_code=206&docid=13337)

<sup>8</sup> Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture. (2003) "Checking the Food Odometer: Comparing Food miles for Local Versus Conventional Produce Sales in Iowa Institutions." Electronic report. Retrieved at: <http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/pubs-and-papers/2003-07-checking-food-odometer-comparing-food-miles-local-versus-conventional-produce-sales-iowa-institution.pdf>