

**BOD 2019-20 – 8R**  
**Climate Emergency Declaration**

**WHEREAS**, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 16,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has indicated that without major carbon emissions reductions, humanity may pass the tipping point on controlling climate disruption as soon as 2030;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2016 world leaders recognized the urgent need to combat climate change it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep global warming “well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C;” and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United Nations’ Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty, 1.5°C of global warming could expose 500 million people to water poverty, 36 million people to food insecurity because of lower crop yields, and 4.5 billion people to heat waves; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change and the global industrialized economy’s overshoot of ecological limits are driving the Sixth Mass Extinction of species, could devastate much of life on Earth for many millennia, and may pose as great a risk to humanity as climate change, according to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; and

**WHEREAS**, restoring a safe and stable climate requires a Climate Mobilization, an emergency mobilization on a scale not seen since World War II in order to reach zero greenhouse gas

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<sup>1</sup> The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. (2018). *Special Report: Global Warming of 1.5 °C*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>



emissions across all sectors of the economy; to rapidly and safely drawdown and remove all the excess carbon from the atmosphere at emergency speed and until safe, pre-industrial climate conditions are restored; and

**WHEREAS**, justice requires that frontline and marginalized communities, which have historically borne the brunt of the extractive fossil-fuel economy, participate actively in the planning and implementation of this mobilization effort and that they benefit from the transition to a climate-safe economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the massive scope and scale of action necessary to stabilize the climate and biosphere will require unprecedented levels of public awareness, engagement, and deliberation to develop and implement effective, just, and equitable policies to address the climate emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Cal State East Bay can act as a global leader through initiating an emergency Climate Mobilization to convert to an ecologically, socially, and economically regenerative local economy at emergency speed, as well as advocating for regional, national, and international efforts necessary to reverse global warming and the ecological crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Cal State East Bay has committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2040;<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, that ASI is committed to the wellbeing of the students during their college career and after graduation; and

**WHEREAS**, that ASI is committed to a sustainable green-energy future; and

**WHEREAS**, ASI is committed to taking responsibility for our families, our communities and our ecosystems; be it therefore

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<sup>2</sup> California State University, East Bay. *Cal State East Bay Climate Action Plan*. Retrieved from: [http://www.csueastbay.edu/sustainability/files/docs/commitments/2018\\_climate\\_action\\_plan.pdf](http://www.csueastbay.edu/sustainability/files/docs/commitments/2018_climate_action_plan.pdf)





**RESOLVED**, CSUEB ASI declares that a climate and ecological emergency threatens our city, region, state, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural world; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, ASI commits to a campus wide mobilization effort to reverse global warming and the ecological crisis, which, with appropriate financial and regulatory assistance from State and campus authorities; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, End campus wide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible and no later than 2030; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, ASI calls on the Office of the President to expedite CSUEB climate action plan in order to meet this goal; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, ASI calls on the Academic Senate, Curriculum Advisory board, CSU Board of Trustees to update curriculum requirements for each college to include classes about climate change, and sustainable practices; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, ASI calls on the Academic Senate to require each faculty member to go through a course on the impacts of climate change and how to appropriately teach it, through semester programs as developed by the academic senate; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, ASI call on the Academic Senate and the Chancellor's Office to explore online courses teaching the basics of Sustainability and climate change (similar to Title IX and Alcohol EDU); and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, ASI calls on the Director of Legislative Affairs and the President of the Associated Students Incorporated CSU East Bay to bring forth this resolution for its implementation at the California State Student Association (CSSA); and let it be further



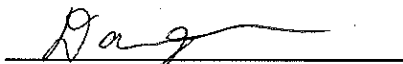
**RESOLVED**, CSUEB ASI calls on all 23 California State Universities as well as the Board of Trustees to initiate a just global emergency mobilization effort to reverse global warming; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that ASI recommends that the Office of the President adopts and declares a Climate Emergency on behalf of Cal State East Bay; and let it be further

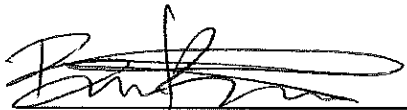
**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of Sustainability, Office of Financial Aid, California State Student Association, the Office of the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees, and any other relevant parties.

Approved On: Wednesday, October 30, 2019

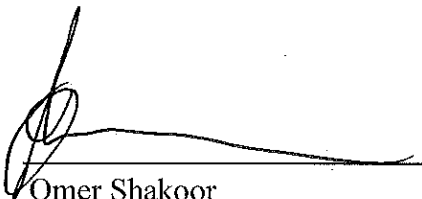
ASI President/CEO does hereby [  ] *approve* / [  ] *refuse to approve* this resolution.



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