BOD 2023-2024 – 3R
Resolution in Support of Pursuing Carbon Neutrality

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 12,000 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 CSUEB aims to achieve carbon neutrality by 2040 as per the 2018 CSUEB Climate Action Plan¹; and

WHEREAS CSUEB is a member of The President’s Climate Leadership Commitment and a Carbon Commitment signatory, obligating the university to a set of climate action steps; and

WHEREAS 2018 CSUEB Climate Action Plan Umbrella Policies 4-5 commit the university to review and potentially revise the CAP no less than every five years, and submit an annual report to Second Nature for evaluation/public display; and

WHEREAS only 6% of the energy generated on CSUEB Hayward’s campus is generated by four photovoltaic solar panels; and

WHEREAS 2018 CSUEB CAP energy action step #2 states the university will install 680 kW capacity of photovoltaic solar panels, or other renewable energy annually; and

WHEREAS applying the conservative assumptions outlined in the 2018 CSUEB CAP, should achieve 30% energy savings in current electricity end uses and 70% savings in space and water heating applications¹; and

¹ California State University East Bay 2018 Climate Action Plan
WHEREAS the University has been able to implement some retrofit lighting projects, energy efficient boiler replacements, and some furnace upgrades¹; and

WHEREAS CSUEB commits to action steps #2, #5, #6 pertaining to Landscaping: Turf Conversion on fields not serving as sporting fields; restoring Native woodland on open space; adopting of Bay Friendly Landscaping practices; be it therefore

RESOLVED ASI commits to a higher level of involvement in CSUEB’s strive for carbon neutrality; and let it be further

RESOLVED CSUEB commits to regular reassessments, updates, and Second Nature reporting of the Climate Action Plan to align with evolving climate science, technologies, and best practices; and let it be further

RESOLVED ASI urges Facilities to meet their hard deadline of installing 3 MW of solar photovoltaic panels and 1 MW of battery storage by June 2024, which will provide 4.7 million kWh in the first year of operation (~20% of CSUEB’s recent energy use); and let it be further

RESOLVED The Sustainability Committee will update the 2021-2023 greenhouse gas emission inventory to be publicly available on CSUEB’s Getting To Zero Graph²; and let it be further

RESOLVED ASI urges the University to commit to the remaining electrical, heating, and additional building goals outlined in the CAP; and let it be further

RESOLVED The Sustainability Committee will update the progress regarding action steps pertaining to Landscaping: turf conversion project, restoration of Native woodland on open space, adoption of Bay-Friendly Landscaping Practices; and let it be further

RESOLVED ASI will encourage the usage of water-saving landscaping tactics and energy-efficient lighting fixtures; and let it be further
RESOLVED  ASI hereby affirms our prior commitment to the 2018 Climate Action Plan; and let it be further

RESOLVED that CSUEB encourages all members to join in the effort to combat climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create a sustainable, resilient future for CSUEB; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED  that copies of this resolution be distributed to President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Governor Gavin Newsom, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Steve Padilla, Congressman Eric Swalwell, all local representatives in the East Bay Area, the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Mildred Garcia, University President Cathy Sandeen, Interim Provost Kim Greer, Chief of Staff Derek Aitken, Executive Assistant to the President Anthony Tabinas, former University President Leroy Morishita, the Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Suzanne Espinoza, CSUEB Sustainability Committee, Diversity and Inclusion Center Director Cookie Garrett, President of each CSU Student Government, Second Nature President Tim Carter, Vice President of Legislative Affairs of the California State Student Association Sam Chavarria, President of the California State Student Association Dominic Treseler, the Pioneer, Dr. Karina Garbesi, Jolene Koester, Congressman Jimmy Panetta, Congresswoman Paula Villescaz, PG&E CEO Patricia Poppe, all members of the 2018 Climate Action Planning Task Force, digitally to all students, and any other relevant parties.

¹California State University East Bay 2018 Climate Action Plan
²CSUEB Getting To Zero Graph

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