

*Fifty Ninth Legislative Council*  
*of the*  
*Associated Students*

*Begun and held at the University of California at Santa Barbara, in the City of Santa Barbara on the twenty-first day of October, two thousand nine, in the fifty ninth year of our association.*

*A Resolution*

To  
**Support the Student Affairs Net-Zero Campaign**

**Whereas:** The University of California at Santa Barbara has been at the forefront of the Environmental movement since the movement began in the late 1960's; and,

**Whereas:** The University of California at Santa Barbara must strive to maintain its position as the paradigm of positive environmental change; and,

**Whereas:** The Students at the University of California at Santa Barbara have shown enthusiastic support for constructive environmental change which has been embodied by consistent overwhelming student participation in environmental organizations such as Environmental Affairs Board, the Coastal Fund, Associated Students Recycling, and the Surfrider Foundation; and,

**Whereas:** The Associated Students Legislative Council, which represents the voice of the student body, previously passed Position Paper 040500:48; an Endorsement of CALPIRG's Earth Day 2000 Clean Energy Agenda which "sought to accelerate the transition to clean, renewable energy sources" and "encourage and reward more efficient use of energy by utilities, vehicles, appliances, homes, buildings and businesses"; and,

**Whereas:** The Division of Student Affairs at the University of California at Santa Barbara has recognized the potential of emerging efficiency technologies and the increasing accessibility of renewable energy sources to mitigate its environmental impact; and,

**Whereas:** The Division of Student Affairs' Net Zero Campaign aims to decrease energy demand through division-wide building efficiency retrofits while increasing on-site renewable energy production in order to attain zero net energy usage within 36 months; and,

**Whereas:** The Division of Student Affairs also intends to attain the prestigious LEED-EB Platinum rating in 8 Student; and,

**Whereas:** The efficiency retrofits and renewable energy installations to the Recreation and Aquatic Center is the successful template on which the further implementation of this campaign will be based; and,

**Whereas:** In achieving its goals, the Division of Student Affairs will address environmental, economic, and social agendas thereby creating a progressive energy-independent division; and,

**Whereas:** Faculty, staff and students alike have realized the need to at least temporarily find alternative mechanisms to account for unqualified fiscal leadership at the UC Regent's level; and,

**Whereas:** In attaining energy independence, beyond the obvious environmental benefits of reducing the "Carbon Footprint", the Division of Student Affairs would be able reallocate fiscal energy savings back to Student Affairs services which will ultimately benefit student's physical, social, cultural and professional development.

**Therefore let it be enacted by the Associated Students in the Legislative Council assembled:** as the representative voice of the student body, support the Division of Student Affairs' Net Zero Campaign to achieve zero net energy usage and LEED Platinum-Existing Building Certification in the following buildings: the Student Health Center, the Student Resources Building, the Recreation and Aquatic Center, the Arts and Lectures building, the Orafalea Children's Center, the Student Affairs and Academic Services building, the Counseling and Career Services building and the Intercollegiate Athletics facility.

**Let it be further be Resolved that:** the Legislative Council assembled views Net Zero design as a viable mechanism to mitigate energy costs, decrease fossil fuel consumption and revive our student services ensuring the physical, social, cultural and professional development of students at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

**Let it further be Resolved that:** the Legislative Council assembled envisions the Division of Student Affairs' Net Zero Campaign as a crucial framework for energy use mitigation that should be considered for implementation at a campus wide level.

**Let it further be Resolved that:** this Legislative Council reaffirms its awareness of the global energy crisis as shown in its past support of Position Paper 040500:48 endorsing the acceleration of "the transition to clean, renewable energy sources" and encouraged and rewarded "more efficient use of energy by utilities, vehicles, appliances, homes, buildings and businesses."

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