

Fair Trade Campus Resolution

Whereas

- What we choose to purchase, eat, and drink impacts farmers, workers, artisans and the environment:
- Growers of coffee, tea, chocolate and other products produced around the world are often paid less than a living wage and are subject to poor working conditions and labour practices;
- Conventional means of growing coffee and other commodities are often damaging to the environment, harming local ecosystems;
- Fair Trade helps ensure fair wages, safe working conditions, and environmental sustainability;
- Many campuses in Canada and around the world already support Fair Trade;
- Acadia University endorsed the Talloires Declaration in 2006, which calls for institutions to
 operate in harmony with nature and society and to ensure that students are literate in
 environmental and social principles that benefit our world. Supporting Fair Trade is an effective
 way to put this commitment into practice.
- By becoming a Fair Trade Campus, Acadia University, and Acadia Students' Union will demonstrate a commitment to sustainability and social justice issues.

Be It Resolved:

In partnership with Acadia University, Acadia Students' Union commits to become a Fair Trade campus, which would consist of the following actions:

- 1. Facilities and Operations: Acadia Students' Union will provide all coffee, three (3) teas, and one (1) chocolate item that are Fair Trade Certified at each food service location within the Students' Union Building. Acadia Students' Union will also work towards making other Fair Trade products available in its facilities.
- 2. **Catered events:** Acadia Students' Union will provide Fair Trade products available at catered meetings hosted by Acadia Students' Union.
- 3. **Education:** Acadia Students' Union will support students, staff, and faculty to increase on-campus awareness of Fair Trade through events, the incorporation of Fair Trade into curricula, and other efforts.
- 4. **Awareness:** Acadia Students' Union will identify and promote Fair Trade products at campus functions and point of sale locations with appropriate signage or information.
- 5. **Implementation:** Acadia Students' Union, in consultation with the Acadia Fair Trade Committee and the Acadia Sustainability Office, will oversee the implementation of the above commitments.

Enacted and Passed this 21st day of September, 2017.



Grace Hamilton-Burge President

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