

**Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College Student Council has authorized and issued the following proclamation:**

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College seek to promote the welfare and academic success of the student body and the Merced College Campus community in general;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College seek to develop Merced College into a prosperous institution fit for the twenty-first century;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College acknowledge the value of higher education;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College seek to protect and preserve Merced College for the benefit of current and future students;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College wish to offer the same opportunities, if not better opportunities afforded to us, to future generations;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College acknowledge the correlation between student health and academic success;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College acknowledge the correlation between the campus environment and student success;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College acknowledge the emerging trends of sustainability, self-reliance, and automation;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College acknowledge that Merced College operates using unsustainable practices;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College believe Merced College should be at the cutting edge of teaching methodologies, as well as new technologies, leading the way into the future;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College believe that Merced College can become sustainable and set the example for other community colleges in the state and throughout the country;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College believe that a sustainable Merced College campus will be of benefit to not only current and future students, but to all members of the Merced College community, as well as the entire Merced community;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College believe that through sustainable practices and innovative ideas, solutions to Merced College's fiscal and other dilemmas, such as limited resources, limited space, and limited access to cutting edge educational materials, can be found;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Merced College believe it is the obligation of not only our generation, but of those who have come before us, to help create a better world for those who come after us;

Therefore, the Associated Students of Merced College hereby proclaim the issuance of a sustainability challenge to the Merced College Board of Trustees, to the Merced College Administration, to the Merced College Faculty, Staff and Students, and to the Merced College Community.

The aforementioned Sustainability Challenge to Merced College includes but is not limited to:

1. To make Merced College as sustainable as possible in all regards.
2. To become as close to zero waste and zero pollution as possible.
3. To promote and implement sustainable practices for the resources of water, land, energy, materials and waste throughout Merced College, via the passage and implementation of appropriate board policies and administrative policies.
4. To encourage the inclusion of sustainability and campus improvement projects within course curriculum and Student Learning Outcomes.
5. To leave Merced College at better place than when we found it.
6. To build the foundation for a sustainable Merced.

It is the wish of the Associated Students of Merced College that the Board of Trustees not only acknowledges this formal proclamation and challenge, but also either officially accepts or declines this challenge at the next Board of Trustees meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Officially authorized by: Associated Students of Merced College

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Cody Camacho, Associated Students of Merced College President

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