

A Resolution Demanding Student Ownership of Stevenson Coffee House

WHEREAS, the Stevenson Coffee House has been an important part of the UCSC history by serving the campus community for over 40 years as the oldest cafe on campus; and

WHEREAS, campus administration announced that the Stevenson Coffee House would be closed and replaced with a new cafe under management of the UCSC Dining Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Stevenson Coffee House supports the Global Food Initiative launched in July 2014 by the University of California Office of the President, which was designed to explore solutions for food security, health and sustainability through research; drawing on UC's leadership in various fields to focus externally, on how UC translates research into policy and helps communities eat more sustainably, and internally, such as how UC leverages its collective buying power and dining practices to create desirable policies and outcomes; and,

WHEREAS, the Stevenson Coffee House is currently the most affordable food venue on campus and one of the only venues that is not under control by the UCSC Dining Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Stevenson Coffee House currently promotes and supports local businesses such as The Bagelry, Kerri's Cookies, Santa Cruz Coffee Roasters, Pacific Espresso, Sushi Cruz, and Aldo's; and

WHEREAS, the Stevenson Coffee House provides a space for students, staff, faculty, and teaching assistants to study, meet and, perform; and

WHEREAS, the Stevenson Coffee House provides student employment and under the management of UCSC Dining those students might not have job security for next year, or during the time the cafe is closed for renovations; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Union Assembly stands firm in demanding that, as it continues to add more students, UC Santa Cruz also commit to providing community spaces for students to study, eat, and gather; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Union Assembly opposes the transfer of the Coffee House from Stevenson College to UCSC Dining Services, and demands that it be transferred to student ownership as an entirely student-owned and student-run space; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Union Assembly commits to doing everything within its power to take ownership of the Stevenson Coffee House to ensure student involvement with food security, student leadership opportunities, and students reclaiming their own university.