

Resolution of Support for a Bee-Friendly Campus and Ban of Neonicotinoid Pesticides

Whereas 75% of the world's food crops including those that provide fruit, vegetables, seeds, nuts and oils, depend at least in part on pollination; and,

Whereas nearly 90% of wild flowering plants depend on animal pollination; and,

Whereas there are more than 20,000 species of bees, as well as some species of butterflies, moths, wasps, beetles, birds, bats and other vertebrates that contribute to pollination; and,

Whereas between \$235 billion and \$577 billion worth of annual world food crops rely on direct pollination; and,

Whereas at least 56.5% of pollinators are facing extinction worldwide; and,

Whereas bees are dying at a rate between 30% and 40% of their populations each year; and,

Whereas one of the most critical factors in pollinator population decline is the use of neonicotinoid pesticides which have been used in exponentially increasing quantities in recent years; and,

Whereas the University of California Santa Cruz has the capacity to be pivotal in not only stopping the decline of bee populations, but also setting a precedent for other institutions to help keep our pollinators and our food systems from collapsing; and,

Let it be resolved that the Student Union Assembly urges the University of California Santa Cruz to commit to become a Bee-Friendly Campus and ban the use of neonicotinoid pesticides, criteria for a "Bee Campus" are:

- 1) Establish/maintain a Bee Campus USA Committee or Subcommittee comprised of the landscape director, other staff, administrators, faculty, and students, charged with developing a Campus Pollinator

Habitat Plan to include a locally native pollinator-friendly plant list with regional sources for such plants and a Integrated Pest Management plan. Both of which should be highly publicized and available on the web

- 2) Host annual campus event(s) to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators and to acknowledge the institution's certification as a Bee Campus USA institution
- 3) Annually sponsor and track student service-learning projects to enhance pollinator habitats on and off-campus
- 4) Offer courses or workshops on Pollinator Ecology/Integrated Pest Management/Landscaping for Pollinators
- 5) Post signage regarding pollinators to educate the campus and broader community about pollinator-friendly landscaping practices
- 6) Maintain a webpage on the institution's website to share your Bee Campus USA news and activities
- 7) Annually apply for renewal of the institution's designation and submit a brief report of the previous year's Bee Campus USA activities