# REPORT

(To accompany the amendments to the ASI Sustainability Policy)

The Judicial Review Committee, to whom was referred the amendment to Administrative Policy 019, the ASI Sustainability Policy, recommends that it be adopted with an amendment.

### Amendment

The Amendment offered by the Judicial Review Committee is as follows:

Bring the policy into compliance with all branding efforts and fix grammatical and clerical errors.

# **Purpose and Summary**

This amendment makes various clerical adjustments to the Sustainability Guidelines, and changes the definition of carbon credits to indicate that companies may accumulate carbon credits by funding sustainable technology.

# **Background and Need for Amendment**

Currently, the Sustainability Policy reflects old branding efforts (e.g. labeling ASI as A.S.I.). Additionally, the definition of carbon credits in the previous policy which stipulated that companies could accumulate those credits by funding new forest growth was inherently limited. This amendment fixes these issues.

### **Committee Consideration**

On March 15, 2019, Environmental Policy Commissioner Javier Moro introduced amendments to the Sustainability Guidelines in the Environmental Policy Committee. It is unclear when these amendments were approved in committee, as they are listed on the agendas for that committee from March 15, 2019 through May 3, 2019. What is clear, however, is that the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board under Article IX, Section 1 of the ASI Bylaws and under Article I(B) of its own code of procedures, acted on the edits in a May 7, 2019 meeting.

Pursuant to Article IV of the Environmental Policy Committee's Code of Procedures, the Amendments were referred to the Bylaws and Codes of Procedure Subcommittee. On August 28, 2019, the Judicial Review Committee (the overseeing body of the Bylaws and Codes of Procedure Subcommittee) took up consideration of the amendments. Mr. Morales offered an amendment to the amendment to bring the policy into compliance with all branding efforts and fix the grammatical and clerical errors present within the document. The amendment was agreed upon by a placard vote of 2-0. Mr. Yoo moved to approve the amendments as amended and report them to the Board of Directors. This amendment was agreed upon by a placard vote of 2-0.

### **Changes in Administrative Manual**

Changes in the existing administrative manual made by the amendment are shown as follows (modified provisions are highlighted, new text is underlined, removed text is struck through, and unmodified text is printed in Calibri).

### 1.0 Purpose:

The purpose of these A.S.I. ASI Sustainability Guidelines is: to establish the CSULA Cal State LA A.S.I. ASI as a leader in sustainable practices; to educated educate A.S.I. ASI members on sustainability; and to promoting promote environmental efficiency so to better serve Cal State L.A. LA students and the larger CSU community.

#### 2.0 References:

#### 3.0 Definitions:

3.1 Sustainability: Of, relating to, or being a method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged. Of or relating to a lifestyle involving the use of sustainable methods.

### 3.2 Carbon Credits

- 3.2.1 A permit that gives a company, country, etc., the right to emit a specified amount of carbon compounds into the atmosphere, and may be purchased ed purchased if emissions are expected to exceed a quota or sold if the quota is not reached: Companies can accumulate carbon credits by funding new forest growth. funding new sustainable technologies.
- 3.2.2 As certificate showing that a government or company has paid to have a certain amount of carbon dioxide removed from the environment

# 3.3 Energy Star

3.3.1 Energy Star is an international standard for energy efficient consumer products originated in the United States of America.

#### 4.0 Procedural Guidelines:

The A.S.I. ASI shall conduct, establish, encourage, and practice environmentally responsible and sustainable practices so to decrease its carbon footprint; be it This shall be done through overhead office supplies purchased, implementing recycling initiatives, utilizing the preferred font of Century Gothic, performing a quarterly carbon

footprint assessment, powering down electronics nightly, and switching to Energy saving Star certified appliances, to name a few.

The Environmental Affairs Commissioner will be assigned the task to shall calculate, on a quarterly basis, the carbon footprint of A.S.I. ASI; and

# 4.1 Carbon Footprint:

- 4.1.1 The Environmental Affairs Commissioner will evaluate ways to lower the footprint by either modifying practices, procedures, policies, policies, and procedures and/or by purchasing carbon credits (through the Environmental Affairs Commissioners program funding); and.
- 4.1.2 Whereas such The modification of such practices, procedures, policies, and/or funding/purchases should be jointly agreed upon by the A.S.I. ASI Environmental Policy Committee and A.S.I. ASI Board of Directors, any Any order would arising from this evaluation shall be preceded by an evaluation of inefficiencies and possible solutions.

# 4.2 Preferred Font of Century Gothic:

- 4.2.1 A.S.I. ASI shall exclude marketing and graphics from using the preferred font; still
- 4.2.2 The preferred A.S.I. font is recommended and the culture shall be adapted and encouraged in the utilization for all internal use The Environmental Policy Committee shall encourage the internal use of the preferred ASI font (i.e. e.g. use in all internal committee and subcommittee minutes and agendas, including the Board of Directors meetings, so to reduce the waste of ink); additionally
- 4.2.3 The preferred A.S.I. font shall be encouraged to be used The Environmental Policy Committee shall encourage the use of the preferred ASI font on internal printed documents used as supplemental materials during any A.S.I. ASI for meetings, excluding those held with third parties, which may require a specific font to do business with, and presentations to third parties of prominent or distinguished positions (e.g. formal resolutions distributed State Senators and/or Assembly Members).

### 5.0 Sources

- 5.1.1 San Diego State University's Associated Students Sustainability policies and procedures. http://www.as.sdsu.edu/greenfest/green.php?grn=3
- 5.1.2 Cal Poly Pomona Associated Students, incorporated. http://www.csupomona.edu/~sustainability/sustainability.shtml

- 5.1.3 California State university Monterrey Bay Sustainability http://sustainability.csumb.edu/
- 5.1.4 California State university System Commitment to Sustainability <a href="http://www.calstate.edu/cpdc/sustainability/">http://www.calstate.edu/cpdc/sustainability/</a>

Respectfully submitted,

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