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Champlain College Fair Trade Resolution *December 2013*

WHEREAS

- What we choose to purchase, eat, and drink impacts farmers, workers, artisans and the environment;
- Growers of coffee, tea, chocolate, bananas and other products produced in Latin America, Africa, and Asia are often paid less than a living wage, and forced child labor may be involved;
- Conventional means of growing coffee and other commodities are often damaging to the environment, harming local ecosystems;
- Fair Trade supports fair wages, safe working conditions, and environmental sustainability, and condemns forced labor of any kind;
- Many campus groups around the country and the world already support Fair Trade;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College, Champlain College will further demonstrate a commitment to sustainability;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College, Champlain College would more effectively educate the campus community about Fair Trade and about the issues surrounding unfair living wages and working conditions;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College, Champlain College would inspire other institutions and organizations to support Fair Trade.
- By becoming a Fair Trade College, Champlain College would enhance its image as a leader in sustainability and social justice;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Champlain College should declare itself to be a Fair Trade College, which would consist of the following:

- 1. Dining facilities:** Champlain College will work to make Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and other Fair Trade products available in its dining facilities, consistent with the terms of food

service contracts and where the resulting costs do not significantly impact the meal plan costs for students.

2. Catered events: Champlain College will work to make Fair Trade products available at catered meetings hosted by the school, consistent with the terms of the food service contract.

3. Offices: Champlain College will work to make Fair Trade products available for administrative and faculty offices and consistent with the terms of the food service contract.

4. Retail Stores: Champlain College will include Fair Trade food products and/or handicrafts (such as jewelry, and other gift items) in campus stores and subject to the terms of vendor contracts.

5. Acknowledgment: Champlain College will identify and promote Fair Trade products at campus functions and stores with appropriate signage or information.

6. Implementation: The Purchasing and Food Committee of Sustain Champlain will oversee the implementation of the above commitments, in conjunction with our food service and other vendors.

Future Goals:

Champlain College will continuously work towards making other Fair Trade products available, while being mindful of keeping any related additional costs in balance with overall cost of meal plan and food service. Any additional future costs may be offset by savings in other areas, such as energy efficiency/conservation and waste reduction.



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