

Academic Senate

19/AS/18/SEC Make Food Not Hate (Sense of the Senate Resolution)

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State University, Stanislaus, in support of our institutional mission and values, call upon the university to reject the inclusion of Chick-Fil-A as part of a dining services contract at Stanislaus State or its satellite entities.

RESOLVED: That this resolution be distributed to President Ellen Junn; Vice President of Student Affairs Paz Oliverez; Associated Students Inc. & University Student Union; Housing and Residential Life; Diversity Center Interim Directors; Aramark; Chartwells; Chick-fil-A; the *Signal*; the Modesto *Bee*; and the Turlock *Journal*.

RATIONALE: Stanislaus State's Mission Statement states, "The faculty, staff, administrators, and students of California State University, Stanislaus are committed to creating an inclusive learning environment which encourages all members of the campus community to expand their intellectual, creative, and social horizons. We challenge one another to realize our potential, to appreciate and contribute to the enrichment of our diverse community, and to develop a passion for lifelong learning."

Stanislaus State's Campus Statement on Diversity proclaims, "California State University, Stanislaus is a collegiate community that serves a diverse population of students, faculty, staff, and administration. These facets of diversity encompass but are not limited to: race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, creed, religion, age, social class, socio-economic status, physical and cognitive differences, political views, and veteran status." Stanislaus State has a long history of promoting inclusivity, diversity, and respect for all of the threads found in the beautiful tapestry of humanity on this campus. In particular, Stanislaus State values its Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual students, faculty, staff, and administrators and their Allies.

We recognize that students, faculty, staff, and administrators who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual and/or Allies are often targets of discrimination, harassment, and violence on college campuses and in our communities, and we recognize that discrimination, harassment, and violence toward Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual students, faculty, staff, and administrators and their Allies come from concerted efforts to undermine their rights to equality and equal access under the law.

Chick-fil-A has become a symbol of exclusion to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual students, faculty, staff, and administrators and their Allies through their historical and current support of Anti-LGBTQIA organizations. *Current support of anti-LGBTQIA organizations by Chick-fil-A Foundation includes (but is not limited to) \$1,000,000/year support of Fellowship of Christian Athletes whose "Statement of Faith" includes the following articulation of beliefs required for membership: "We believe God's design for sexual intimacy is to be expressed only within the context of marriage. God instituted marriage between one man and one woman as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9)";

While the Academic Senate of California State University, Stanislaus is grateful to see that the owners of Chick-fil-A, through their WinShape Foundation and Chick-fil-A Foundation, have reduced or eliminated the vast majority of their funding to anti-LGBTQIA organizations, but elements of this cruel legacy remain. The Chick-fil-A Foundation, in particular, continues to support groups whose goals remain in line with anti-LGBT stances.

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