

ASUC BY-LAWS

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GREEN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

1.1 Name and Purpose

The A.S.U.C Green Certification Program's purpose is to encourage and promote sustainable practices by A.S.U.C-Sponsored student groups. The program educates groups on ways to reduce their environmental footprints, creates a system of practical accountability, and increases funding for sustainable products through the "Green Fund".

1.2 Mission Statement

To increase the ASUC's sustainable impact on campus by educating and rewarding student groups who take efforts to reduce their environmental footprints.

1.3 Funding

The Green Fund is a trustee account funded through a TGIF grant on a yearly basis. All monies allocated from the Green Fund must return to the Green Fund and not go to Carry Forward.

ARTICLE II: MANAGEMENT

2.1 ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President

1. The ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President shall be generally responsible for the administration and supervision of the ASUC Green Certification Program department and Green Fund.
2. The ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President shall nominate, and the Senate shall confirm, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Senate, the Director and Finance Coordinator of the ASUC Green Certification Program. The ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President may remove the Director of the ASUC Green Certification Program and/or the Finance Officer with two-thirds consent of the Senate.
3. The Academic Affairs Vice President shall also provide within the ASUC Executive Offices office space, furniture, and equipment sufficient to operate the Green Certification Program and Green Fund.

2.2 ASUC Green Certification Director

1. The duties of the Green Certification Director shall be:
 - a. To oversee the recruitment, training and retention of interns of the ASUC Green Certification Auditing Team (GreenCAT);
 - b. To seek out additional funding sources for the Green Fund from private sources when needed;

- c. To coordinate outreach and advertising for the Green Certification Program during Fall and host at least three information workshops for interested student groups during September;
- f. To coordinate the Green Certification process during Fall semester and oversee the applicant groups' progress while working with their GreenCAT interns;
- g. To maintain the Green Certification Program's website or appoint a position to be webmaster.

2.3 ASUC Green Certification Finance Coordinator

1. The duties of the Green Certification Finance Coordinator shall be:
 - a. To manage and account for the Green Fund's annual budget;
 - b. To oversee Green Certified Groups' funding applications (Senate Bills and Spring Budgeting allocations) and allocate funding from the Green Fund according to the specified funding procedures;
 - c. To prepare the annual Green Certification Program's budget for presentation to the TGIF grant committee and ASUC Senate;
 - d. To report to the AAVP monthly on the status of the Green Fund

ARTICLE III: BUDGET

3.1 Criteria for Funding

The Fund will be administered based upon the group's achievement of Green Certification. This requires that an ASUC-Sponsored Student Group has met the pre-requisites and the minimum amount of Green Points in order to achieve status of a Green Certified group. Green Fund monies shall only go towards supplemental funding for sustainable purchases as listed in the "Green Purchasing and Resource Guide" and will be reviewed by the Finance Coordinator.

A Green Certified Group is eligible for:

- a. 10% more funding or \$100, which is greater, not to exceed \$1500 based on Senate Allocation from Spring Budgeting or Contingency.

3.2 Conditions and Actions Regarding Abuse of Power or Mishandling of Funds:

1. Should any abuse of power or mishandling of funds be found to exist and be at the fault of the Office of Academic Affairs, the Finance Committee has the power to revoke the monies allocated from the Green Fund in the amount found to be mishandled. The total amount of funds allocated may be revoked with the two-thirds (2/3) approval of the ASUC Senate.

ARTICLE IV: SPENDING RESTRICTIONS

- 4.1 No more than 50% of the Fund shall be allocated following the Spring Budgeting Session of the ASUC Senate.
- 4.2 No more than 25% of the Fund shall be allocated during Fall semester based on Senate Contingency funding.
- 4.3 No more than 25% of the Fund shall be allocated during Spring semester based on Senate Contingency funding.
- 4.4 Green Certified student groups can apply to the Green Fund no more than once during the academic year.

- 4.4** Green Fund monies can only go towards sustainable purchases as defined by the Green Purchasing and Resource Guide.
- 4.5** The Green Certification Finance Coordinator may retroactively grant funding for the time between the last Senate Session and the first meeting of the Committee in the current Session.