GA 101

This Resolution Shall Henceforth Be Known As the “Support for the UTSA Fruit Tree Project”

PURPOSE

To recommend the planting of fruit trees on campus to enhance the visibility of campus sustainability efforts, as manifested by the UTSA Fruit Tree Project.

WHEREAS: Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution of The University of Texas at San Antonio’s Student Government Association (SGA) reads: “The duties and responsibilities of the SGA General Assembly shall be: to review, discuss, consider, and take any necessary action through legislation on all issues which concern the campus or students”; and

WHEREAS: The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) “is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge through research and discovery, teaching and learning, community engagement and public service,” as stated in the University Mission Statement; and

WHEREAS: The Fruit Tree Project is an undergraduate research project, with the mission of teaching students that food can be grown anywhere and can successfully incorporated into a holistically sustainable community; and

WHEREAS: SGA represents the voice of the students, “by surveying students, creating new ideas and solutions for the campus community, and hosting events that connect students together.”; and

WHEREAS: This would be the first project to allow students to harvest food directly from campus with minimal extraneous effort. In addition to providing an alternate solution in our efforts to create a more sustainable campus community, food serves as a medium to bring people together; and

WHEREAS: There will be reserved plots of land for both research and a separate section for student consumption; and

WHEREAS: UTSA is “dedicated to growing its sustainability efforts within our campus and community at large,” and is actively trying to increase its Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Star Rating; one way to achieve this goal is by implementing new and creative solutions to sustainability; and

WHEREAS: The UTSA Fruit Tree Project proposal anticipates minimal financial investment, while providing high-impact results that will directly impact the campus community. Trees will be donated by outside sources Tree Town USA\(^1\) and City of San Antonio Forester, Ross Hosea.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The University of Texas at San Antonio’s Student Government Association endorses and fully supports the efforts of the UTSA Fruit Tree Project and recommends its timely implementation on the UTSA campus.

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\(^1\) https://stars.aashe.org/media/secure/296/submission-359/STARS%20Assessment%20Submission%20Letter.pdf
\(^2\) http://www.aashe.org/
\(^3\) http://www.treetownusa.com/