

RESOLUTION

Statement of Shared Principles & Activities **Higher Education Associations' Sustainability Consortium** **(HEASC)**

Whereas, the *Higher Education Associations' Sustainability Consortium (HEASC)* is a network of higher education associations (HEAs) with a commitment to advancing sustainability both within each respective constituency and within the system of higher education itself; and

Whereas, *HEASC* is convened and facilitated by **Second Nature**, a nonprofit organization that supports the Education for Sustainability (EFS) movement, helping colleges and universities expand their efforts in environmentally sustainable actions and making the principles of sustainability a foundation of all learning and practice; and

Whereas, *HEASC* seeks to help higher education exert strong leadership in making education, research and practice for a sustainable society mainstream within higher education; and

Whereas, the ability of *HEASC* member associations to advocate for sustainability within their respective organization and higher education may depend on a finite amount of human and fiscal resources available to them; and

Whereas, *HEASC* member associations expect *HEASC* convener and facilitator, **Second Nature** and/or **The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)**, to provide programs and services that include, but are not limited to:

- Bi-weekly online news digest for *HEASC* member associations
- 'Hands-on' sustainability training for staff of *HEASC* member associations
- *HEASC* Website development and maintenance
- Access to best resources on sustainability for *HEASC* members
- Consultation on institutionalizing sustainability practices within *HEASC* member associations
- Membership in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (**AASHE**).
- Support to implement *HEASC* 'Statement of Shared Principles & Activities'

Therefore be it resolved that *HEASC* member associations endorse the following *Statement of Shared Principles & Activities*:

- Open exchange of information, knowledge, and experiences regarding sustainability within higher education among **HEASC** member associations;
- Capacity building within each respective **HEASC** member association to incorporate sustainability activities into ongoing programming and practices;
- Sustainability-related training for **HEASC** member association staff;
- Integration of sustainability-related training into **HEASC** member associations' professional development programs;
- Aligning **HEASC** member association Annual Conferences and other professional development activities with sustainable practices;
- Connecting **HEASC** member associations to the best expertise, resources and information in sustainability for higher education;
- Communicating trends in sustainability in higher education, including HEASC activities, to constituents of **HEASC** member associations;
- Cooperating in joint projects with other associations and organizations that advance sustainability, where feasible;
- Encouraging college and university leaders to embrace sustainability as a core campus value.