

# Gustavus Adolphus College

## Fair Trade Resolution

### WHEREAS:

- What we as a college choose to purchase 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;
- Numerous means of growing coffee and other commodities are often damaging to the environment, harming local ecosystems;
- Fair Trade ensures fair wages, safe working conditions, and environmental sustainability, as well as prohibits forced labor of any kind;
- A growing number of colleges around the USA support Fair Trade;
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) passed “Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All” as a social statement;
- The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) produced “Communion, Responsibility, Accountability” as an affirmation of economic fairness;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College, Gustavus Adolphus College will demonstrate a commitment to its identity and mission;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College, Gustavus Adolphus College will enhance its image as a leader in the values of excellence, community, justice, service, and faith;

### BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Student Senate urges Gustavus Adolphus College to dedicate itself to be a Fair Trade College, which would consist of the following:

**1. Dining facilities:** The Gustavus Adolphus College Dining Service will make Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, bananas, and other Fair Trade products available in its dining facilities, where the resulting expenses do not significantly jeopardize meal plan costs.

**2. Catered events:** The Gustavus Adolphus College Dining Service will seek to make Fair Trade products available at catered meetings hosted by the school.

**3. Offices:** The Gustavus Adolphus College Dining Service will make Fair Trade products available for administrative and faculty offices whenever possible.

**4. Stores:** The college will include Fair Trade food products, apparel and handicrafts (such as jewelry, and other gift items) in the Book Mark and other campus stores whenever possible.

**5. Education:** The college will support students, staff, and faculty working to increase on-campus awareness of Fair Trade through events, the incorporation of Fair Trade into curricula, and other efforts.

**6. Procurement:** The college commits itself to exploring the incorporation of Fair Trade procurement into current purchasing practices and policies. This process will begin within six months after the ratification of this document.

**7. Acknowledgment:** The college will identify and promote Fair Trade products at campus functions and stores with appropriate signage or information.

**8. Implementation:** The college, in consultation with “Fair Trade Gustavus” will oversee the implementation of the above commitments.