

# Rollins College

## Fair Trade Resolution

### WHEREAS

- What we choose to purchase, eat, and drink impacts farmers, workers, artisans and the environment;
- Growers of coffee, tea, chocolate 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;
- Conventional means of growing coffee and other commodities are often damaging to the environment, harming local ecosystems;
- Fair Trade ensures fair wages, humane working conditions, and environmental sustainability, and prohibits forced labor of any kind;
- Faith communities and campus groups around the country and the world already support Fair Trade;
- Whereas the Rollins mission statement upholds social responsibility and environment stewardship as reflected in the following excerpt: “We are dedicated to scholarship, academic achievement, creative accomplishment, cultural enrichment, social responsibility, and environmental stewardship.”;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College, Rollins College will demonstrate a commitment to sustainability;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College,, Rollins College would more effectively educate the campus community about Fair Trade;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College,, Rollins College would inspire other institutions and organizations to support Fair Trade.
- By becoming a Fair Trade College,, Rollins College would enhance its image as a leader in sustainability;
- Rollins College endorsed the Talliores Declaration in 2003, and supporting Fair Trade is an effective way to put into practice the principles of social justice and environmental sustainability.
  - By signing the Talloires Declaration, Rollins College agreed to:
    1. Increase Awareness of Environmentally Sustainable Development
    2. Create an Institutional Culture of Sustainability
    3. Educate for Environmentally Responsible Citizenship
    4. Foster Environmental Literacy for All
    5. Practice Institutional Ecology
    6. Involve all Stakeholders
    7. Collaborate for Interdisciplinary Approaches
    8. Enhance Capacity of Primary and Secondary Schools
    9. Broaden Service and Outreach Nationally and Internationally
    10. Maintain the Movement

## **BE IT RESOLVED:**

That Rollins College should declare itself to be a Fair Trade College, which would consist of the following:

- 1. Dining facilities:** The College will work with its food service contractor to make Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and other Fair Trade products available in its dining facilities, consistent with the terms of the food service contract and where the resulting costs do not significantly jeopardize board rate costs.
- 2. Catered events:** The College will work with its food service contractor to make Fair Trade products available at catered meetings hosted by the college, where possible and consistent with the terms of the food service contract.
- 3. Offices:** The College will work with its food service contractor and/or its office supply company to make Fair Trade products available for college offices whenever possible and consistent with the terms of the food service contract.
- 4. Stores:** The College will include Fair Trade food products and handicrafts (such as jewelry, and other gift items) at college stores whenever possible and subject to the terms of the college's contracts with other vendors.
- 5. Acknowledgment:** The College will identify and acknowledge Fair Trade products at college functions and stores where appropriate (e.g. with signs noting that the coffee is Fair Trade).
- 6. Implementation:** The College, in consultation with the Committee on Environmental and Sustainable Issues [CESI] and its parent committee, Finance and Services Committee, will oversee the implementation of the above commitments.