

Hawaii Community College Academic Senate Recommendation

Topic of recommendation: Resolution #2019-3 Compostable Products

Initiated by: Claudia Wilcox-Boucher, Academic Senate Chair

Meeting date: April 26, 2019

Academic Senate voting results: unanimous in support

Rationale: see whereas statements

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Resolved that:

Submitted by

Academic Senate Chair's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Acknowledged and Received by

Chancellor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chancellor's disposition of recommendation (e.g. codified into Hawaii CC Policy manual with number assigned, referred to appropriate administrator inclusion in Catalog, etc.):

See attached



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DATE: September 30, 2019

TO: Joni Y. Onishi, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

FROM: Claudia Wilcox-Boucher, Academic Senate President *cw*

RE: Approval of Academic Senate Resolution #2019-3: Using Fully Compostable Products in all Food Service Capacities

Aloha Joni:

The Academic Senate approved Academic Senate Resolution #2019-3: Using Fully Compostable Products in all Food Service Capacities on the Manono and Palamanui Campuses. (attached) Manono and Palamanui Campuses will begin to phase out single use plastic products starting Fall 2019 and start using compostable containers and products starting Fall 2020. The Hawai'i Community College Administrators and UH-Hilo Administrators will work together to secure the necessary land needed to build a sustainable composting site by Fall 2020.

Mahalo!
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Academic Senate of Hawai'i Community College

Resolution #2019-3

A resolution calling for Hawai'i Community College to use fully compostable products in all food serving capacities on the Manono and Pālanui Campuses.

Whereas, the use of plastic container products is well documented as generally doing damage to the environment and as more specifically causing two large plastic "garbage patch" zones in the Pacific (Western and Eastern Pacific:

<https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/about/media/how-big-great-pacific-garbage-patch-science-vs-myth.html>) and,

Whereas, the state government is taking steps to outlaw all single use plastics by state agencies by July 1, 2021 and all restaurants and other businesses by July 1, 2022 and,

Whereas, Hawai'i Community College has offered compostable containers in the past and UH Hilo has almost completely transitioned to compostable containers and,

Whereas, there is great support for reducing the use of plastics by the Hawai'i Community College community, even if it costs more and,

Whereas, the Hawai'i Community College Agriculture Department is working with its partners to create a sustainable composting operation,

Be it resolved, that Manono and Pālanui Campuses begin to phase out single use plastic products starting Fall Semester 2019 and by Fall Semester 2020 using all compostable containers and products and,

Be it further resolved, that the Hawai'i Community College administration work with the UH Hilo administration to secure the necessary land needed to build a sustainable composting site by Fall Semester 2020.

Effective Date: April 26, 2019



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April 29, 2020

Claudia Wilcox-Boucher
Academic Senate President

Via email: claudiab@hawaii.edu

Dear Claudia:

On behalf of the Administrative team at Hawaii CC, mahalo for informing us that Resolutions No. 2019-2, 2019-3, and 2019-4 have recently been approved by the Academic Senate.

The Administrative team is committed to supporting the Resolutions as follows:

AS Resolution #2019-2, Install Electric Vehicle Recharging Stations on Manono and Palamanui Campuses per Hawaii State Law

Vice Chancellor Ken Kaleiwahea has included plans for the Manono redevelopment for EV stations. We will continue to pursue funding and support to comply with the law.

AS Resolution #2019-3, Using Fully Compostable Products in all Food Service Capacities

Both EH and WH CULN programs are going through the last of their noncompliant inventory and are moving toward using more expensive compostable products. The increased cost is being passed on to customers.

AS Resolution #2019-4, Update of Hawai'i Community College (HawaiiCC) Academic Senate 2005, 2006, and 2007 Resolutions Regarding Expectations of Faculty in Writing Renewal and Promotion Dossiers
The resolution have been posted at our website for future reference for faculty and staff, specifically on the faculty and staff resource page under contract renewal tenure and promotion, <http://www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/faculty-staff>. In addition, the faculty workshop on this topic will include the resolution.

Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Rachel Solemsaas in blue ink.

Rachel Solemsaas, Ed. D
Chancellor

c: HawaiiCC Administrative Team
David Tsugawa, Incoming Academic Senate President