

Resolution Supporting Fair Labor Association Membership and Living Wage Right

Faculty Senate - Financial Affairs Committee
October 10, 2000

Whereas, The University of Alabama despises the exploitation of labor in underdeveloped and developing countries, and

Whereas, The University of Alabama licenses logos to producers which may have manufacturing facilities in underdeveloped or developing countries, and

Whereas, the Fair Labor Association operates to monitor the working conditions in factories producing goods under license by members of the Association, and

Whereas, the Fair Labor Association propagates a Labor Code of Conduct to the workers and trained monitors at the manufacturing facilities used to produce licensed goods, and

Whereas, the Labor Code of Conduct, and the Women's Rights Rider and Factory Disclosure Rider, seeks to eliminate "sweatshop" conditions, but does not guarantee a living wage,

Be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate of The University of Alabama supports the membership of the University in the Fair Labor Association, and

Be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate applauds the swift and appropriate actions taken by President Sorensen to respond to the concerns expressed by student and faculty groups about the potential manufacture of University-licensed products under "sweatshop" conditions, and

Be it further resolved, that the Faculty Senate Supports the right to a living wage and urges the University to join an organization supporting Labor Standards in underdeveloped and developing countries, which support that right, such as the Worker Rights Consortium.

Adopted by the Senate October 17 2000.