

Associated Students of Cerritos College

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

11/22/2023

Senator Jose A Hernandez introduced the following Joint Resolution,
Director Dante Gaffield seconded the following Joint Resolution

JOINT RESOLUTION

Removal of Plastic Turf on Campus JR-2324-01

Whereas: Cerritos College removed the California poppies and added plastic turf to the campus in the fall of 2022;

Whereas: According to PFAS Project Lab of Northeastern University and The Center for Environmental Health, plastic turf has been proven to be harmful to the health of humans, imposing risks both in the imminent and long term;

Whereas: These risks have been identified as Chemical and PFAS Exposure, Heat Trapping, and Infections. The impact these risks can cause include but are not limited to endocrine disruption, impaired immunity, skin rashes, and cancer-related complications. These risks impact everyone on campus including students, faculty, and utility workers;

Whereas: The environmental impact this turf has is detrimental to the long-term health of the environment and is in direct contradiction with the goals laid out in the Sustainability Plan which was drafted. According to CalMatters.org, plastic turf has already been banned in multiple municipalities since the turf imposes far too much risk;

Whereas: The environmental impact of the turf includes degradation into microplastics, short lifespan which turns turf into waste, and creation of "Urbanized Heat Islands" which create a more environmentally hostile campus; let it be

Resolved: The Associated Students of Cerritos College requests the Facilities Planning Committee to remove all plastic turf on campus, excluding the Stadium and practice area adjacent to Kinesiology;

Resolved: The Associated Students of Cerritos College request that native grasses of Southern California be installed in their place

Resolved: Upon approval of this joint resolution, this document shall be presented to the Facilities Planning Committee Chair, Dr Felipe Lopez, by the Director of Sustainability, Dante Gaffield, as soon as possible.

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Amendment History

Senator Pavon moved to amend JR-2324-01 by inserting “, excluding the Stadium and practice area adjacent to Kinesiology;’ at the end of the first Resolved. Senator Pitts seconds. No objections, the motion passes.

Final Senate Action

Date of final vote:	November 22, 2023
Senators Voting Aye:	Abrowka-Agyei, Alangir, Bui , A. Flores, F. Flores, Garcia, Gonzalez, Harmon, Hernandez, Mejia, Murillo, Ochoa, Oliva, Ordonez, Oregon, Pavon, Pitts, Poliquin-Hernandez, Ramos, Reyes, Vasquez, Villalobos, Yim
Senators Voting Nay:	None.
Senators Abstaining:	None.
Vote Count:	23 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain

Committee Referral

Referred to Committee? No