



# Associated Students

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Subject: Professor James Stone, Political Science

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**Whereas:** Professor James Stone of the Political Science department is widely known as an educator and a community organizer who is passionate about environmental sustainability. Professor Stone has been considered the sustainability guru on campus. As a lead author, his contribution towards Mt. SAC's 2018 Climate Action Plan was instrumental for the document to be published. He has also served as a liaison for Mt. SAC with activism groups such as Second Nature and has created an avenue of environmental activism for Mt. SAC students. He serves the chairman of the campus-wide Climate Commitment Implementation Committee (CCIC)

**Whereas:** Professor James Stone's dedication and persistence towards reducing the environmental impact of Mt. SAC was and is imperative towards the progress of our campus. Professor James Stone served as lead author of the "Climate Action Plan" which established goals, research data, methods of sustainability, and deadlines for the college to degrade our negative environmental impact. Steve Muzzy, Senior Manager of Second Nature, an organization that focuses on reducing climate change by working with colleges, remarked, "Professor Stone was instrumental in getting Mt. San Antonio College to join the 'Carbon Commitment' [The Carbon Commitment is an institutional commitment made by the president that commits Mt. SAC to eliminate its operational greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible. It also commits the campus to publicly reporting progress and integrating carbon neutrality into the educational and community experience]."

In addition, as a chairman of the Climate Implementation Commitment he has led and coordinated the following accomplishments:

- Appointed two half time Sustainability Coordinators to begin implementation of a portion of CAP involving the integration of sustainability into the curriculum across the curriculum
- Professor Raul Madrid was granted 3 LHE reassigned time to implement

some of the duties in the CAP associated with the position of the Sustainability Director, such as creating a student sustainability internship program on campus and working with students to create internships related to sustainability. Professor Madrid had six internships ready for launch when the COVID 19 pandemic led to the closure of the campus and the postponement of the internships until the fall 2020 semester.

- The Sustainability/CCI Committee appropriated \$19,500 out of the Sustainability Budget provided by the President's office to the Facilities and Planning Department to hire HMC Architects to conduct a Greenhouse Gas Inventory for 2020-2021. Annual Greenhouse Gas Inventories are required by the Climate Action Plan and membership in Second Nature.
- The Sustainability/CCI Committee appropriated \$3,600 to rejoin Second Nature, the primary reporting platform for institutions of higher education that have ratified Climate Action Plans.
- The Sustainability/CCI Committee funded Professor Tania Anders and three students involved in Associated Students to travel to the 2019 AASHE conference in Spokane, Washington.
- The Sustainability/CCI Committee appropriated \$2,000 to fund the annual Mt. SAC Earth Day lecture and the President's Student Sustainability Awards, however, the closure of campus due to the COVID 19 pandemic resulted in the cancellation of the Earth Day lecture after two speakers were contracted. The plan is to invite them to speak on Earth Day 2021. The President's Student Sustainability Awards were awarded by Jared Burton via mail.
- The Sustainability/CCI Committee supported Environmental Senator Sophia Ruiz in organizing three days of virtual Earth Day activities, including a panel discussion of faculty from a variety of disciplines.
- The Sustainability/CCI Committee appropriated \$4,200 to upgrade the Adult Education demonstration sustainability garden overseen by Professor Steve Williams.
- The Sustainability/CCI Committee appropriated \$2,500 to purchase books, games, and videos related to sustainability to be used to promote professional development in the area of sustainability by the campus's Sustainability Coordinators.
- The Sustainability/CCI Committee began work on updating the college's Sustainability Website. The plan is to continue this work in the fall with assistance from a student intern working in partnership with Professor Ashley Haines.

His thoughtfulness to ensure the participation of the community is simply exemplary.

***Whereas:***

Aligning with two of the Associated Students' priorities, (co-curricular engagement and leadership development) Professor Stone's leadership has significantly empowered both faculty and students on campus. As a co-chair of the CCIC, Professor Stone supported the students' request to attend the

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Conference in Spokane, Washington. By being able to build a network with intellectuals and community leaders of the industry, the students were able to organize events and educate others with their new-found knowledge. In addition, Professor Stone has been leading the effort to invite notable speakers and organize events for Earth Week for students on campus. Moreover, he has been providing the necessary advice to a newly hired Political Science faculty to create the Student Sustainability Internships. With the opportunities to intern at various locations on campus based on specialty, students can prepare for their future careers outside of the classroom setting.

Professor James Stone's dedication to the students and environment is the epitome of environmental justice, community activism, and unwavering determination, values that the Associated Students of Mount San Antonio College cherish the most. Hence, the Associated Students wholeheartedly recognizes Professor James Stone's exceptional service to promote environmental awareness and organize grass-root movements at Mount San Antonio College.

**Therefore:** Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approve this Recognition for Professor James Stone.

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