

RESOLUTION 0018
STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
University of Pittsburgh
2 October 2012
Introduced by Board Member Zoe Samudzi

WHEREAS, spending power is an important agent for social change;
WHEREAS, most college apparel brands have been known to use sweatshops and unfair labor conditions;
WHEREAS, students at the University of Pittsburgh care about these issues and want the ability to choose sweat-free clothing;
WHEREAS, the Workers' Rights Consortium (WRC) is an independent labor rights monitoring organization which conducts investigations in factories around the globe;
WHEREAS, affiliating with the WRC requires the university to develop a code of conduct regarding the production of its apparel, submit a list of all factories used for the university's logo goods, and pay a small fee;
WHEREAS, this affiliation with the WRC represents a commitment to improving labor practices worldwide using the spending power of the university;
WHEREAS, 180 universities have already affiliated with the WRC;
WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh is committed to being a positive member of the Global community;
WHEREAS, the Pitt Chapter of Americans for Informed Democracy has started a coalition of student groups to bring Alta Gracia products to campus;
WHEREAS, the Student Government Board has already passed a resolution to join the "NO SWEAT" Coalition;
WHEREAS, the Coalition is committed to ensuring that the University of Pittsburgh affiliates with the WRC;
WHEREAS, University of Pittsburgh students have a great amount of spending power and can use this to make a difference.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, On this 2nd of October, in the year 2012, the Student Government Board of the University of Pittsburgh hereby agrees to sign the letter written by the "NO SWEAT: Pitt Coalition Against Sweatshops" and support the University of Pittsburgh's affiliation with the Workers' Rights Consortium.