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Native Planting around the Idea Center

Sponsor: Student Sustainability Fund

Co-sponsor: Tori Campbell

- Understanding** that Austin College is committed to reducing its environmental impact through many ways, notably through the creation of the Student Sustainability Fund,
- Noting** that native plants are well adapted to the local climate, consume less water, attract other native species, and are low in maintenance,
- Observed** that there are many opportunities to plant native plants around campus,
- Convinced** that planting native plants around the Idea Center would be beneficial to the environment, and a positive addition to the landscape of the Idea Center which already has native plants,
- Having received** interest and approval for this project from John Jennings head of the Physical Plant, Dr. Goldsmith who is in charge of the Idea Center, various professors, including those involved with Austin College Thinking Green Campus Awareness, and our committee members,
- Noting** that this proposal project would be carried out during GreenServe on April 23, which would give students an opportunity to be directly involved in this greening proposal,

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Be it Resolved that the Student Assembly approve the purchase of 568 native plants at a total amount of \$2,751 from Gardenland Nursery and the purchase of 2 plaques at a cost of \$40 per plaque.

***Note:** Species to be planted: Mexican Sage, Mist Flower, Greg Sage, Turks Cap, Lantana, Lindheimer Muley, Wine Cups, Engleman Daisy, Zexmania, Blue Sage, Yellow Columbine, Romer Sage, Hot Lips Sage, Pink Skull Cap, Nolina, Salvia, Texas Betony, Mexican Hair Grass, and Yucca.

***Note:** The estimate for the cost of plaques is based on previous years; the plaques for this proposal may need to be different since they will be outside. A plaque design consistent with existing outdoor signs around the landscape of the Idea Center could be utilized.