A Resolution in Support of Food and Housing Security Emergency Fund

Sponsor: Kayleigh Bates

WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by ASI Board of Directors, who set policy for the organization, approve all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocate on behalf of student interests on committee and boards; and

WHEREAS, the Health Centers funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HSS) define homelessness as an individual without a permanent housing who may stay in a shelter, mission, single room occupancy facilities, vehicle, or someone who may live on the streets; or a term that refers to a situation where that individual is unable to maintain their housing and forced to stay with a series of friends and/or extended family members; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines homelessness as an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and

WHEREAS, the USDA has labeled food security into four categories: high food security, marginal food security, low food security, and very low food security; and

WHEREAS, high food security is defined as no reported indications of food-access problems or limitations; marginal food security is defined as one or two reported indications of typical anxiety over food sufficiency or shortage of food; low food security is defined as reports of reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet; very low food security is defined as reports of multiple indications of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake; and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2016 the ASI Board of Directors approved a resolution in support of the Food and Housing Security Task Force at California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, the task force was composed of faculty, staff, and students to support students who may lack housing stability and/or food security on our campus; and

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2016 Housing and Residence Life opened four beds for students who experience housing displacement, a value equivalent to $50,000; and

1 https://www.nhchc.org/faq/official-definition-homelessness/
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6 Larry Martin, Director of Housing and Residence Life
WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2016 Aramark in partnership with Housing and Residence Life allowed student residents to donate one of their guest meals to students who are food insecure, and at the end of the campaign Aramark matched the 412 student-donated meals for 824 meals in total, a value equivalent to $5,000; and

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2016 Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) donated $5,000 in meal cards for students to be able to redeem a $10 meal in the Titan Student Union or at on-campus restaurants; and

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2016, in an effort to match the total value of the meals donated by residential students, the Athletic department and ASC both donated $5,000 to start building an emergency fund that is managed by the Dean of Students office and used to assist students who have other emergency financial needs; therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that with the adoption of this resolution, the ASI Board of Directors shall contribute $8,000 from contingency funds to the emergency fund for housing security and food stability managed by the Dean of Students; let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI President, ASI Board Chair, and ASI Executive Director will reach out to all on campus departments, specifically the Vice Presidents and Deans, to urge them to contribute to this emergency fund in order to support the students; and let it finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the following campus department, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: Office of the President, the President’s Advisory Board, Office of the Dean of Students, Student Affairs Leadership Team, and the CSU Fullerton Auxiliary Service Corporation (ASC).

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., on the seventh day of February in the year two thousand and seventeen

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