

A Resolution In Opposition to the California State University Potential Tuition Increase

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WHEREAS, The Associated Students, CSUF, 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 committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees is responsible for the oversight of the entire CSU system and adopting rules, regulations, and policies which govern the CSU;¹ and

WHEREAS, the CSU Board of Trustees budget priorities are the Graduation Initiative 2025, enrollment growth, academic facilities and campus infrastructure, employee compensation, and mandatory costs;² and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the CSU to provide high quality affordable education to all; and

WHEREAS, there has not been a tuition raise since the 2011-2012 academic school year;³ and

WHEREAS, the CSU Board of Trustees is considering a tuition increase, including a potential yearly tuition increase for state residents of \$270 for undergraduate programs, \$312 for credential programs, \$438 for graduate and other post-baccalaureate programs;⁴ and

WHEREAS, the potential yearly tuition increase for the Doctor of Education program is \$720, the Doctor of Nursing Practice \$930, and the Doctor of Physical Therapy is \$1,048;⁵ and

WHEREAS, a potential tuition increase for the non-resident tuition per semester unit rate would be \$396 instead of the \$372, which is \$24 more per unit; and the per quarter unit would be \$264 instead of \$248, which is \$16 more per unit;⁶ and

¹ <https://www.calstate.edu/bot/>

² <https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>, pg. 4

³ <http://www.calstate.edu/budget/student-fees/fee-rates/systemwide-history.shtml>

⁴ <https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>, pg. 11

⁵ <https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>, pg. 11

⁶ <https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>, pg. 12



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WHEREAS, the potential increase would generate approximately \$77.7 million of new revenue in the 2017-2018 academic year to support the Board of Trustees budget priorities, including the Graduation Initiative and employee compensation;⁷ and

WHEREAS, CSU Fullerton students represent a lower socioeconomic status, as proven in the 2016 pre-census data showing that 55% of students are Pell Grant eligible and 52% of students receive Pell Grant;⁸ and

WHEREAS, in the academic year 2013-2014, 49% of the students who graduated from the CSU accumulated loan debt for college related expenses⁹ in an amount averaging \$15,898¹⁰; and

WHEREAS, CSU Fullerton has the lowest levels of funding per full time equivalent student;¹¹ and

WHEREAS, CSU Fullerton has 38,414 students enrolled for spring 2016, and 40,235 students enrolled for fall 2016;¹² and let it be

RESOLVED, that with the adoption of this resolution, ASI officially opposes the CSU proposed tuition increase for the 2017-2018 academic year; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the ASI supports statewide advocacy efforts that will contribute to an affordable CSU system; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI urges the CSU Board of Trustees to prioritize current and future CSU System students to better reflect the current needs of the diverse CSU Fullerton student body; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the CSU Board of Trustees stand in solidarity with the CSU students in advocating to the Governor of California and all California State Legislatures with the intention to fully fund the needs of the CSU students; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the California State University Board of Trustees, California State Student Association, the Governor of California, the California State Senator of the 29th district, the California State Assembly Member of the 65th district, and the following CSU Fullerton departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: Office of the President, the President's Advisory Board, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, Office

⁷ <https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>, pg. 5

⁸ Communication with Darren Bush, Associate VP for Enrollment Management

⁹ <https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>, pg. 8

¹⁰ <http://www.calstate.edu/value/systemwide/>

¹¹ <http://success.fullerton.edu/history/>

¹² <http://www.fullerton.edu/analyticalstudies/student/enrollments/censussummary.php>



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of the Vice President for University Advancement, Office of the Dean of Students, the Academic Senate, and California Faculty Association.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, CSUF, Inc., on the eighth day of November, two thousand and sixteen.

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