

1                                   **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 970**  
2                                   **WORKING FAMILIES STUDENT FEE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**  
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4   **WHEREAS**, the Associated Students, CSUF, Inc. (ASI) is the representative voice for over 34,000 students at  
5 California State University, Fullerton; and

6   **WHEREAS**, in the last four years the California State University (CSU) system-wide fees have almost doubled  
7 from \$3,048 in 2008/09 to \$5,472 in 2011/12; and

8   **WHEREAS**, reductions in state support have forced the CSU Board of Trustees and the University of California  
9 (UC) Board of Regents to make retroactive fee increases, resulting in numerous breach of contract lawsuits  
10 including: Keller v. Board of Trustees, and Kashmiri v. UC Board of Regents; and

11 **WHEREAS**, students and their families have struggled to afford the rapid rise and unpredictable nature of  
12 system-wide fees; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Donahoe Higher Education Act of 1960, referred to as the California Master Plan for Higher  
14 Education, which promises a “tuition free” education, has been ignored in recent years; and

15 **WHEREAS**, since the Maddy-Dills Act was allowed to sunset, the state has not had a policy guiding the raising  
16 of system-wide student fees at the UC and CSU leaving students vulnerable; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the California State Student Association is the officially recognized voice of the 412,000 students of  
18 the CSU system; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the California State Student Association is helping to shape, sponsor, support and advocate for  
20 Assembly Bill 970 (AB 970), the Working Families Student Fee Transparency and Accountability Act, by  
21 Assemblymember Fong; and

22 **WHEREAS**, unlike system-wide fees, campus policies exists that guide adjustments made to campus based  
23 mandatory fees that include student consultation and notification; and

24 **WHEREAS**, AB 970 re-establishes a process for setting system-wide fees absent in state policy; and

25 **WHEREAS**, AB 970 mandates student consultation with the recognized statewide student association prior to  
26 publicly noticing a proposed increase in system-wide fees; and

27 **WHEREAS**, AB 970 requires a public comment period on any proposed system-wide fee increase in which the  
28 Board of Trustees and Board of Regents encourage, solicit and receive public comments on the proposed fee  
29 increase, making them more responsive and responsible to the public; and

30 **WHEREAS**, AB 970 requires a 6-month waiting period prior to fee implementation, providing students and  
31 families time to gather the resources necessary to pay for the cost of education; and

32 **WHEREAS**, AB 970 codifies existing policy that no less than 33% of student fee revenue shall be set aside of  
33 student fee revenue for institutional financial aid; and

34 **WHEREAS**, AB 970 requires the UC and CSU to submit expenditures for revenue derived from fees to the  
35 Legislative Analyst in order to justify any fee increases and prevent fees from being raised more than they  
36 absolutely need to be; and

**WHEREAS**, should there be an immediate need to raise fees on behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Legislature may circumvent the process outlined in AB 970 and raise fees themselves, putting pressure and public attention on the Legislature; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the ASI Board of Directors support AB 970 and urges its passage through the State Legislature; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the ASI Board of Directors support further state-wide discussion addressing what costs should be borne by students and their families for in-class instruction, as stated in the Donahoe Higher Education Act of 1960, compared to current costs incurred by students and their families for in-class instruction; and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution be distributed widely to the California State Student Association, Assemblymember Chris Norby, Assemblymember Donald Wagner, Assemblymember Jose Solorio, Assemblymember Allan Monsoor, Assemblymember Jeff Miller, Assemblymember Paul Fong, the Speaker of the Assembly John A. Perez, Senator Lou Correa, Senator Tom Harman, Senator Mimi Walters, Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, and Governor Jerry Brown.

Adopted by the ASI Board of Directors on the sixth day of December, two thousand and eleven

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