

## A Resolution In Opposition to the California State University Potential Tuition Increase for the 2018-2019 Academic Year Sponsors: Jesse Rodriguez and Nick Jakel Co-Sponsor: Saba Ansari, Tyler Gelrud, and Tristan Torres

**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 the ASI Board of Directors, sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates 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;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the CSU Board of Trustees recently implemented a tuition increase for the 2017-2018 academic year for state residents of \$270 for undergraduate programs, \$312 for credential programs, \$438 for graduate and other post-baccalaureate programs;<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the CSU Board of Trustees is considering a potential yearly tuition increase for the 2018-2019 academic year for state residents of \$228 for undergraduate programs, \$264 for credential programs, \$432 for graduate and other post-baccalaureate programs;<sup>3</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the potential tuition increase would generate approximately \$69.8 million in new net revenue in 2018-19 to support the Board of Trustees' budget priorities;<sup>4</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the CSU Board of Trustees budget priorities include the Graduation Initiative 2025, academic facilities & campus infrastructure, employee compensation, mandatory costs, and enrollment growth;<sup>5</sup> and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.calstate.edu/bot/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/past-meetings/2017/Documents/march-21-2017-finance.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://www.calstatestudents.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/January-Plenary-Packet.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> http://www.calstatestudents.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/January-Plenary-Packet.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> http://www.calstatestudents.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/January-Plenary-Packet.pdf

WHEREAS, CSU Fullerton students represent a lower socioeconomic status, as proven in the Fall 2017 Census data showing that 46% of undergraduate students received the Pell Grant;6 and

WHEREAS, CSU Fullerton is the CSU's lowest-funded campus per student;<sup>7</sup> and

WHEREAS, CSU Fullerton had 38,414 students enrolled for Spring 2016, 40,235 students enrolled for Fall 2016, and 40,439 students enrolled for Fall 2017.8 and let it be

RESOLVED, that ASI opposes the CSU proposed tuition increase for the 2018-2019 academic year; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI supports advocacy efforts that will contribute to securing affordable tuition for students; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI will actively advocate and lobby for affordable education on local, state, and federal levels; 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 Provost, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, Office of the Vice President for University Advancement, Office of the Dean of Students, and the Academic Senate.

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

Nicholas Jakel Chair, Board of Directors

Jesse Rodriauez Vice Chair/Secretary, Board of Directors

Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., President/CEO, does hereby [X] approve / [ ] refuse to approve this resolution.

Laila Dadablioy

2/27/2018 Date

<sup>6</sup> Communication with Darren Bush, Associate VP of Student Affairs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> http://success.fullerton.edu/history/

<sup>8</sup> http://news.fullerton.edu/media/