

## A Resolution in Support of Tuffy's Basic Needs Center Sponsors: Elizabeth Jimenez Perez, Brittnay Nguyen, Hazel Chicas Co-Sponsors:

**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 permanent housing who may stay in a shelter, mission, single room occupancy facilities, or 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;<sup>1</sup> 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;<sup>2</sup> 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;<sup>3</sup> 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;<sup>4</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.nhchc.org/faq/ official-definition-homelessness/

 $<sup>^2\</sup> Definitions\ of\ Food\ Insecurity\ per\ USDA\ https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/food-security-in-the-us/definitions-of-foodsecurity.aspx\#rans$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/food-security-in-the-us/definitions-of-foodsecurity.aspx#ranges

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> http://asi.fullerton.edu/downloads/government/resolutions/foodInsecuritiesAndHomelessnessTaskForce.pdf

**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;<sup>5</sup> and

**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;6 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;<sup>7</sup> 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;<sup>8</sup> and

**WHEREAS,** In 2015, California State University Chancellor Timothy P. White commissioned a snapshot study, Serving Displaced and Food Insecure Students in the CSU, to gain a clearer picture of the prevalence of food and housing insecurity on campus;<sup>9</sup> and

**WHEREAS,** California State University, Fullerton established Tuffy's Basic Needs Center on February 14, 2018 to address the CSU Basic Needs Initiative; 10 and therefore let it be

**RESOLVED**, that with the adoption of this resolution the ASI Board of Directors shall contribute \$12,000 from contingency funds to the Tuffy's Basic Needs Center; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be distributed to the California State University Board of Trustees, California State Student Association, all CSU Student Governments, all UC Student Governments, the Governor of California, the California State Senator of the 29th district, the California State Assembly Member of the 65th district, the Fullerton City Council, and the following CSU Fullerton departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: Office of the President, President's Advisory Board, 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 Academic Senate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Communication with Larry Martin, Director of Housing and Residence Life

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Communication with Larry Martin, Director of Housing and Residence Life

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Communication with Jim Donovan, Director of Athletics

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Communication with Frank Mumford, CEO of Auxiliary Services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Chancellor Timothy P. White, study of displaced and food insecure students https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/student-success/basic-needs-initiative/Documents/CSU-Basic-Needs-Action-Report.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> http://news.fullerton.edu/2018wi/Tuffys-Basic-Needs.aspx

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., on the eighth day of May in the year two thousand and eighteen.	
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Associated Students, California State University, Full [ 🖟 ] approve / [ ] refuse to approve this resolution	
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