



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON™

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING POLICY CONCERNING FUNDING PROVIDED TO STUDENTS
AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

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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, 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, ASI's mission is to provide students and campus community members with important social, cultural, and recreational opportunities as well as a wide range of programs and services; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2020, the CSU Chancellor's Office issued a memorandum Re: Allocation of Mandatory Student Association Fees: Viewpoint Neutrality Policy Requirement; and

WHEREAS, the memorandum charged that each campus and each ASI have the responsibility to ensure that fee allocation decisions are made in accordance with procedures and criteria that are viewpoint neutral and that no one viewpoint is favored over another; and

WHEREAS, viewpoint neutrality means that a decisions by ASI to allocate funds to a student group or activity cannot be based upon, or awarded by, ASI taking into consideration the viewpoints or ideology expressed, communicated by, or associated with, a student organization, a proposed program or particular activity; and

WHEREAS, the viewpoint neutrality requirement concerns the process employed to reach a decision to award funds, not the decision itself; and

WHEREAS, the decision makers are prohibited from making funding decisions based on whether or not they endorse, agree with, approve of, or support a particular view or ideology; and

WHEREAS, the viewpoint neutrality requirement applies only to a fee or the portion of a particular fee that is made available to or used to support organizations, programs or activities that are engaged or involved in expressive conduct or speech protected by the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, "Speech" that is protected by the First Amendment includes written words, spoken words, and "expressive conduct," that is, actions that do not involve written or spoken words but

do contain a message; and

WHEREAS, based on the direction from the Chancellor's Office, ASI developed a plan of action to address the guidelines and requirements as outlined in the memorandum; and


WHEREAS, the plan of action included (1) an assessment of all programs, events and activities funded by the ASI fee, either directly provided by ASI or indirectly by funding and funded councils to student organizations, (2) the convening of a working group to review the Chancellor's Office guidelines and other related guidance and to develop/revise policies and procedures, and (3) outreach and communication to funding/funded council student leaders and advisors about the upcoming policy changes; therefore let it be

RESOLVED, ASI approves of the addition of the subsection of Viewpoint Neutrality In Funding Decisions, as well as the amendments in the Definitions section and the Oversight subsection; and let it be

RESOLVED, ASI thanks Gleanne Kienzler, Coordinator for Student Organizations, CSUF Student Life and Leadership, Alisa Flowers, Director, CSUF Student Life and Leadership, Robert Flores, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, College of Communications, Skylar Soria, ASI Vice President, Selene Hanna, ASI Treasurer/Secretary, Austin Ysais, Coordinator, ASI Leader and Program Development, Asha Nettles, Coordinator, ASI Leader and Program Development, Drew Wiley, Director, ASI Leader and Program Development, Carol McDoniel, ASI Director of Administration, Keya Allen, ASI Associate Executive Director and Dave Edwards, ASI Executive Director for their service on the working group addressing and developing ASI's response; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be distributed to the ASI Executive Director and applicable ASI departments.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton on the seventeenth day of November in the year two thousand and twenty.


MARIA LINARES (Jan 25, 2021 14:03 PST)

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