Associated Students, SJSU, Board of Directors’ Resolution 12/13-02
Resolution Against New Student Fees Proposed by the CSU Board of Trustees

Whereas, The Associated Students (AS) Board of Directors of San Jose State University is the recognized voice of 30,000 CSU Students; and

Whereas, It is the mission of the AS Board of Directors to advocate and enhance the accessibility of an affordable and quality education for the students at San Jose State University (SJSU); and

Whereas, The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees is proposing to add three student fees for the 2013/2014 academic year, regardless of the outcome of Governor Brown’s Tax Initiative (Proposition 30), to address the potential $250 million cut and the tuition fee rollback included in Assembly Bill 1502, Chapter 31 if applied; and

Whereas, The first proposed fee will be the Graduation Incentive Fee for resident undergraduates, which would increase the fee per unit by $372 for every unit surpassing 150 semester units; and

Whereas, The second proposed fee will be the Course Repeat Fee for resident undergraduates, which would increase the fee per unit of repeated courses by one-sixteenth of the semester tuition fee, $100 per unit; and

Whereas, The third proposed fee will be the Added Units Fee for resident undergraduates, which would increase the fee per unit by one-thirteenth of the semester tuition fee for every unit beyond 16 units in a semester, $200 per unit; and

Whereas, The vast majority of students of SJSU and the CSU at large are already struggling to pay an unprecedented amount of tuition; these students cannot afford to pay any additional tuition; and

Whereas, The Graduation Incentive Fee is an added detriment to all students attempting to further their education, especially in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors, double majors, and transfer students with extra credits; and

Whereas, The Course Repeat Fee is also an added detriment to all students who are attempting to retake a class; and

Whereas, The Added Units Fee is another detriment to all students because it makes it more difficult to all students attempting to graduate within a desired time period; and

Whereas, The current proposal does not provide accountability or transparency on how the additional revenue will be allocated; and
Whereas, All of these fees will take away from the affordability and quality of the California State University system and unfairly burden students without presenting applicable solutions to the problems the CSU system faces; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Associated Students Board of Directors expresses its absolute disapproval of these proposed student fees; and be it

Resolved, That the Associated Students Board of Directors strongly urges members of the CSU Board of Trustees to vote against these proposed fees; and be it

Resolved, That the Associated Students Board of Directors and other student advocates speak out strongly against these proposed new student fees; and be it

Resolved, The Associated Students Board of Directors and other student advocates believe that the Board of Trustees should present proposals that promote affordability, accessibility, and timely graduation for the students of the CSU System; and be it

Resolved, That Associated Students will make this document public and will forward this resolution to all affected parties, including: California Governor Jerry Brown, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, all members of the CSU Board of Trustees, SJSU President Mohammad Qayoumi, all academic college deans, the SJSU academic senate, the Spartan Daily, the San Jose Mercury News, and all related media outlets

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Passed and Adopted by the Associated Students of San José State University
Board of Directors at a special meeting held November 2, 2012 by a vote of
10-Yea 0-Nay 0-Abstention 5-Absent

Lori Salazar, Vice President and Chair
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Date