Resolution on Graduation Incentive fees

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Inc., of California State University, Sacramento is the official governing body of the students at California State University, Sacramento, whose purpose is to advance the welfare and interests of its students; and

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Inc., is the official voice of over 28,000 students; and

WHEREAS, the department mission of the Student Government under Associated Students, Inc., is "to represent, educate, and advocate for Sacramento State students" as well as to "serve as the voice of ... Sac State students"; 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; and

WHEREAS, the first proposed fee will be the Graduation Incentive Fee (Super Senior 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 Third Tier Tuition Fee which would charge students, who are enrolled in 18 or more units in a given semester, for each unit taken above 17 units at a rate of $200 per semester unit; and

WHEREAS, many Sacramento State students already struggle to pay for tuition and cannot afford additional fees; and

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

WHEREAS, the Course Repeat Fee is also an added detriment to all students that are attempting to retake a class; and

WHEREAS, the Third Tier Tuition Fee is another detriment to all students because it makes it more difficult for students to graduate within a desired time period; and

WHEREAS, these fees will take away from the affordability and quality of the CSU; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the ASI Board of Directors expresses absolute opposition to disapproval of these proposed student fees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ASI Board of Directors strongly urges the members of the CSU Board of Trustees to vote against any of the proposed fees; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the members of the ASI Board of Directors will work to bring about awareness of this issue to Sacramento State students; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent but not limited to California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, all members of the CSU Board of Trustees, Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez, all academic college deans, the Sacramento State Faculty Senate, the State Hornet, the Sacramento Bee, and all related media outlets.