

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3105-12/Floor [Davis]
November 8-9, 2012

**Opposition to Proposed Graduation Incentive, Third-Tier Tuition and
Course Repeat Fees**

- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) declare its opposition to the proposed Board of Trustees November 2012 agenda item “Modifications to the Schedule of Fees” establishing new or increased fees including the Graduation Incentive Fee, the Third-Tier Tuition Fee and the Course Repeat Fee as currently envisioned; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU have concerns about the unintended consequences of such fees which may result in delays in graduation and erect barriers to student success; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees be requested to form a joint CSSA/Board/Office of the Chancellor/ASCSU task force to examine the magnitude and structure of the proposed fees prior to the final action by the Board; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That this resolution be distributed to the CSU Board of Trustees, the CSU Chancellor, CSU campus academic senates, the California State Student Association (CSSA) and campus Associated Students/Student body presidents.

RATIONALE: The Board of Trustees November 2012 agenda item “Modifications to the Schedule of Fees” establishes or increases fees including:

- *Graduation Incentive Fee for resident undergraduates, to be assessed at the same per-unit rate as supplemental nonresident tuition, for each unit in excess of total earned units of 160 semester and 240 quarter units. Commencing with fall 2014, and until further amended, the graduation incentive fee would be assessed for each unit in excess of total earned units of 150 semester units and 225 quarter units.*
- *Third-Tier Tuition Fee for resident undergraduates, to be assessed per unit at a rate of one-thirtieth of the basic academic year tuition fee rate for semester calendar campuses and one-forty-fifth for quarter calendar campuses, for each unit in excess of 17 units per term, provided that the student is enrolled in at least 18 units.*
- *Course Repeat Fee for resident undergraduates, to be assessed per unit of each course repeat at a rate of one-sixtieth of the basic academic year tuition fee rate for semester calendar campuses and one-ninetieth for quarter calendar campuses.*

(Source: BOT <http://www.calstate.edu/bot/agendas/?source=homepage>: Joint Meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy and the Committee on Finance)

To date, the Associated Students Incorporated, on more than seven campuses, have passed resolutions against the proposed fees listed above. This widespread student support not only reflects the general state of the California economy but – in terms of the alarming increase of student debt associated with increased fees, frequent tuition hikes, etc. - is a distressing indication of the ‘heritage’ left to our students (the future leaders of our state economy). While the ASCSU cannot quarrel with the Board of Trustees' stated intent to extend access to students, the decision to do so through levying higher fees on current students, takes an effectively punitive approach. The ASCSU recognizes the variety of reasons current students have been unable to complete their programs in as timely a fashion as might be hoped for. Some of these reasons include factors not within the control of the CSU, including the paucity of advisement opportunities currently available on community college campuses for CSU transfer students; limited access to required courses in programs that, throughout the system, have been under-funded in the past few years; and students who find themselves taking units necessary to maintain their financial aid status, (such units not contributing to their progress toward graduation).

Approved – November 9, 2012

**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 Free 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

Respectfully submitted by:

Nicholas Holsey, Director of External Affairs

Kyle Tamblyn, Director of Student Fee Affairs

Supported by:

Calvin Worsnup, A.S. President

**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
Associated Students, SJSU

Date



Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, Incorporated

**A RESOLUTION AGAINST NEW STUDENT FEES PROPOSED BY
THE CSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Authored by Matthew M. Gonzales, Legislative Affairs Representative-at-Large

WHEREAS, the Associated Students, Incorporated (A.S.I.) is the single recognized voice for nearly 20,000 students at California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA); and

WHEREAS, A.S.I. recognizes public education as a right and not a privilege and that the promise of free or affordable public education in the California Master Plan for Higher Education is one of the greatest democratic achievements in California's history; and

WHEREAS, the CSU has recently faced substantial budget cuts from the State, including a reduction of \$750 million in 2011-2012 alone¹; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the State budget cuts, the CSU has also faced a series of tuition and fee increases since 2001, raising the cost of undergraduate attendance from \$1,428 in 2001 to an estimated \$5,970 in 2012; 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 California Proposition 30, Sales and Income Tax Increase (2012), to address the potential \$250 million cut and the tuition fee rollback included in Assembly Bill 1502; Chapter 31²; 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

¹ CSU Budget Office: <http://www.calstate.edu/budget/student-fees/fee-rates/>

² Assembly Bill 1502; Chapter 31: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_1501-1550/ab_1502_bill_20120627_chaptered.pdf



WHEREAS, the third proposed fee will be the Added Units Fee for resident undergraduates, which would increase the fee per units by one-thirteenth of the quarter tuition fee for every unit beyond 16 units in a quarter, \$200 per unit³; and

WHEREAS, many CSULA 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 majors, double majors, and transfer students with extra units; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the justification for these three proposed fees is to “change student behavior” through punitive measures, and not to raise revenue; be it

RESOLVED, that the A.S.I. Board of Directors expresses absolute disapproval of these proposed student fees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the A.S.I. Board of Directors strongly urges the members of the CSU Board of Trustees to vote against any of the proposed fees; and be it also

RESOLVED, that the members of the A.S.I. Board of Directors and other student advocates attend the CSU Board of Trustees meeting held November 13-14, 2012 at the CSU Chancellor’s Office to speak out against the proposed new student fees; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, the CSU Campus Presidents, the CSU Associated Students, the United States Student Association, the California State Student Association, the University of California Student Association, California Teachers Association, Governor Jerry Brown, the CSULA University Times, the Los Angeles Times, and all related media outlets.

³CSU Student Fee Proposals: <http://www.calstate.edu/budget/student-fees/fee-proposals/index.shtml>

Resolution of Opposition to the CSU's Proposed Fee Package Hikes

1. **Whereas**, The State Legislature mandates within the Donahoe Higher Education Act that the people of California “should have the opportunity to continue as long and as far as his or her capacity and motivation, as indicated by academic performance and commitment to educational advancement, will lead him or her to meet academic standards and institutional requirements” (66201); and,
2. **Whereas**, The CSU's declared mission statement “requires of its advanced degree and credential recipients a depth of knowledge, completeness of understanding, and appreciation of excellence that enables them to contribute continuously to the advancement of their fields and professions;” and,
3. **Whereas**, The proposed Course Repeat Fee, Graduation Incentive Fee, and Third Tier Fee, which shall further be referred to jointly as the “Fee Package”, seek to continue to close the CSU funding gap with yet another round of fee/tuition increases; and,
4. **Whereas**, According to HSU's Campus Quality Survey (Fall 2012), “The greatest obstacle to completing an education is financial factors. Nearly 30% of students ranked this [as their number one obstacle];” and,
5. **Whereas**, The Third Tier Fee for resident undergraduates would increase the fee per unit by \$200 for every unit beyond 17 units in a semester (BOT Agenda September 2012); and,
6. **Whereas**, At HSU 11.2% of the student body (excluding graduate and credential based students) took over 17 units during the Fall 2011, averaging 18.9 units per student (extrapolated from Institutional Research and Planning data); and,
7. **Whereas**; Policies that prevent students from enrolling in empty seats, prior to the enrollment deadline, do not sensibly function at the betterment of students, nor do they increase graduation rates, a stated intention of the Fee Package; and,
8. **Whereas**, The Course Repeat Fee for resident undergraduates would increase the fee per unit of repeated courses by \$100 per unit; and
9. **Whereas**, Humboldt State University has already implemented a policy regarding students' ability to repeat courses, and further policy would amount to bureaucratic redundancy; and,
10. **Whereas**, According to CSU Statistical Abstracts, the tuition of students affected by the Graduation Incentive Fee has already increased 64% in the last four years, and 318% over the last decade; and, the proposed addition of \$372 per unit, or an amount equal to out of state tuition, for every unit beyond 150 units that a student enrolls in, would be a restricting barrier to their education; and,
11. **Whereas**; Many “super seniors” have qualitatively unique situations that have led them to approach the 150 unit mark more swiftly than others, such as career changes, vocational courses taken at community colleges, higher education exploration at community colleges, family commitments, multiple minors, extended education coursework, continuing education coursework, additional certificate programs, or double majors, all of which are not taken into consideration under the proposed Graduation Incentive Fee; and,
12. **Whereas**, HSU is well known for our environmental and biological science programs; and, data sets from the HSU Institutional Research and Planning illustrate that students who graduated between the Spring of 2006 and 2009 with BS degrees acquired an average total of 165.1 units, a comparatively higher number than the average of 149.7 units completed by students

who graduate with a BA; thus students pursuing a BS would be disproportionately harmed by the proposed Graduation Incentive Fee; and,

13. **Whereas**, The State Legislature acknowledges the goal and significance of equity in public higher education in that the “state’s future economic, social, and cultural development depends upon ensuring that all its citizens have opportunities to contribute their best to society” (66002 f)(1)); and,
14. **Whereas**, Students from disadvantaged and underfunded public schools, as well as English Language Learners, may require more units at college due to matriculation, remediation, and prerequisite courses before completing traditional degree requirements; and,
15. **Whereas**, The 6 year Underrepresented Minority (URM) graduation rate at HSU has plummeted by 14% during the last decade, a period which has also seen a 318% tuition increase; and, the Chancellor’s office has not sufficiently shown that the proposed Fee Package will not result in lower graduation rates among URM students; and,
16. **Whereas**, According to the HSU Report on English Remediation (Fall 2011), “Students with disabilities had a higher proportion (42%) of students who needed English remediation as compared to all students (31%),” and as the proposed Fee Package does not account for the needs of disabled students, a high potential for disproportionate affects exists; and,
17. **Whereas**, The Associated Students of Humboldt State University are committed to the interests of those students currently enrolled in the CSU higher education system who have been actively pursuing both bachelor’s and master’s degrees and should be allowed to complete their college academic plans without undue restraints, while also desiring the creation of policy that protects the interests of incoming freshman and transfer students as well; and,
18. **Whereas**, The Associated Students of Humboldt State University recognizes the tough and complex decisions that the Board of Trustees has had to make, and, acknowledges that it is clear that a piecemeal approach based upon continuous fee increases is no longer a viable and sustainable solution; therefore, be it,
 1. **Resolved**, That the Associated Students of Humboldt State University are opposed to the proposed Fee Package that could prevent current and future students from obtaining degrees in a timely fashion, if at all; and be it further,
 2. **Resolved**, That before a Graduation Incentive Fee is approved, or any other fee declaring a hard limit on financial aid based upon a specific unit cap, the Board of Trustees should analyze the effects of such a regulation upon California’s URM students who have a protected status and a rich history within the CSU; and be it further,
 3. **Resolved**, That the Associated Students of Humboldt State University call upon the Board of Trustees to better represent the individuals of the various CSU institutes by implementing further measures to solicit and examine the opinions and ideas of students, alumni, and faculty, in seeking the creation of solutions to complex educational issues; and be it finally,
 4. **RESOLVED**, This resolution shall be sent to, but not limited to: incoming CSU Chancellor, Dr. Thomas White; outgoing CSU Chancellor, Dr. Charles Reed; All members of the CSU Board of Trustees; HSU President, Dr. Rollin Richmond; Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Peg Blake; Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert Snyder; The University Senate; All University Departments; all local and State media outlets; and all CSU Associated Students

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

Bill Number: Senate Resolution # 2013-05
Title: Resolution against New Student Fees Proposed by the CSU Board of Trustees
Sponsored by: Senator of the College of Business Administration, Agatha Gucyski
 Senator-at-Large Athletics, Manuel Nieto
 Senator of the College of Health and Human Services, Angelica Cortez-Hernandez
Date Submitted: September 12, 2012
Date Approved: September 12, 2012

WHEREAS the Associated Students (AS) Board of Directors of California State University, Long Beach is the recognized voice of over 36,000 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 California State University, Long Beach (CSULB); 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 31¹ if applied; and

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WHEREAS the third proposed fee will be the Added Units Fee for resident undergraduates 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 unit²; and

WHEREAS many CSULB 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) majors, 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 Added Units 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 AS Board of Directors expresses absolute disapproval of these proposed student fees; and be it further

RESOLVED that the AS 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

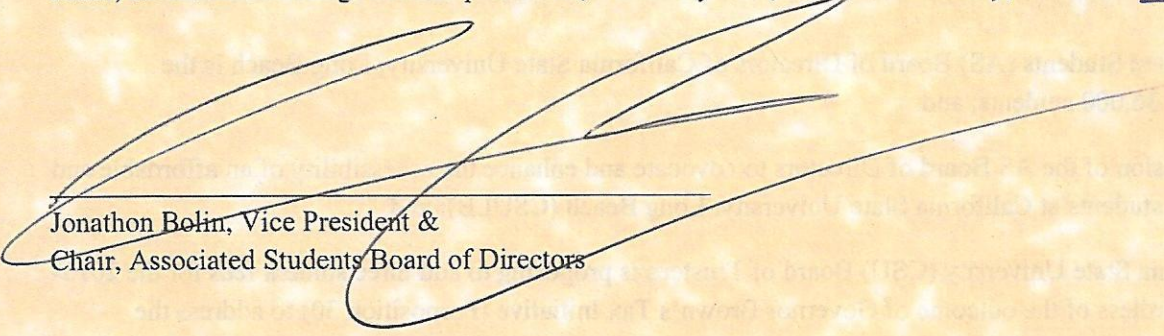
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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

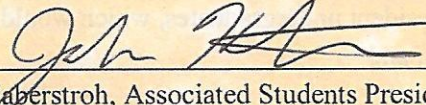
RESOLVED that the members of the AS Board of Directors and other student advocates attend the CSU Board of Trustees meeting on September 19th at 11:15 AM held at the CSU Chancellor's Office to speak out against the proposed new student fees; and be it finally

RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent but not limited to California Governor Jerry Brown, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, all members of the CSU Board of Trustees, CSULB President F. King Alexander, all academic college deans, all academic college council presidents, The Daily 49er, The Union Weekly, and all related media outlets.



Jonathon Bolin, Vice President &
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:



John Haberstroh, Associated Students President

9/14/12
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Action Item
California State University, Dominguez Hills
Academic Senate Resolution
EPC 12-15
m/s/p
October 10, 2012

Resolution Regarding CSU Board of Trustees' Committee on Educational Policy, September 2012
Agenda Item 3, Upper-Division General Education and Degree Completion, Information (Amended)¹

Resolved: That the California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSU-DH) Academic Senate reaffirm the faculty's primary responsibility for the curriculum, a responsibility based on the principle of academic freedom, and noted in the CSU Board of Trustees Statement on Collegiality and the American Association of University Professors' Principles Statement on Collegiality; and be it further

Resolved: That the CSU-DH Academic Senate condemn the categorical disregard for consultation in the manner in which the proposed requirement change was developed, formalized and made public as a board agenda item without adequate and timely consultation with, or indeed even notification to CSU faculty governance; and be it further

Resolved: That the CSU-DH Academic Senate express deep concern over the disregard for potential impacts to the competitive value of CSU degrees that may result from these hasty and ill-planned reductions to unit count without full consideration for curricular integrity as related to students' future prospects for graduate school, professional accreditation and career; and be it further

Resolved: That the CSU-DH Academic Senate strongly object to the proposal in its current form, and urge postponement of this proposal until modifications can be made in consultation with the appropriate ASCSU committees and campus Academic Senates. These modifications should take into account the following:

1. The timelines for review of degrees in the Summary of the proposal are too short to match the calendar of academic program review processes on each campus. The proposed timeline should be extended.
2. Language should be added to an executive order implementing the Title V changes that urges programs to maintain the breadth of the degree by maintaining a strong general education emphasis in the required coursework for the bachelor's degree.
3. The provisions for chancellor's action to reduce unit requirements on non-complying programs should be excluded.
4. Evidence should be gathered to determine if increased student access, improved graduation rates, protection of academic quality, and providing affordable education, stated objectives of the proposal, will be achieved with the implementation of the proposal.

Resolved: That this resolution be distributed to the Board of Trustees, the chancellor, campus presidents, the ASCSU, and CSU campus academic senate chairs.

Rationale

The Board of Trustees Educational Policy Committee September agenda item "Upper-Division General Education and Degree Completion, Information (Amended)" is a proposal to require, where feasible, all four-year bachelor's degree programs to require no more than 120 semester or 180 quarter units to complete. The item started out as a proposal to eliminate the upper division general education

requirement for CSU undergraduate degrees. The initial proposal was put on the BOT agenda with no prior notice to the ASCSU, and no consultation with faculty. After significant concern expressed by statewide and local faculty governance bodies and campus faculty about the lack of consultation and the potentially significant impact of the proposal on curricula throughout the CSU, the BOT proposal was modified and sent to the ASCSU during its plenary meeting on Friday, September 14, 2012.

The CSU-DH Academic Senate is committed to active partnership in shared governance as it upholds the principle of the faculty's primary responsibility for the curriculum, a responsibility noted in the CSU Board of Trustees Statement on Collegiality and the American Association of University Professors' Principles Statements. Of major concern in carrying out that responsibility is the quality of the degree. Because of its potentially significant impact on the nature and content of degrees throughout the CSU system, the proposal to bring all degrees down to 120 units wherever feasible should be thoroughly evaluated by faculty before action by the Board of Trustees.

The CSU-DH Academic Senate is opposed to several aspects of the amended proposal. First, the timelines for compliance with the 120/180 unit goal do not allow campus program faculty sufficient time to evaluate their required coursework against the benchmark unit level set in the BOT proposal or adequate time for the appropriate faculty governance committees to review proposed program changes. The timelines should be extended.

Second, there is no re-affirmation of the CSU commitment to educational breadth by urging programs to maintain a strong GE component. A significant path to reducing units-to-degree outlined in the Summary is a reduction in system-wide general education (GE) requirements. GE has long been an indicator of the CSU commitment to provide an education that goes beyond specific major requirements or career skills. Through GE students are introduced to diverse ways of looking at problems and understanding the world, a skill of lasting value in an interdependent and globalized world.

Third, the provision for chancellor's action to reduce unit requirements on non-complying programs is inconsistent with long-recognized tenets of shared governance. Faculty's primary responsibility for the curriculum is well-established in CSU and AAUP statements. Providing for the chancellor to act to reduce unit requirements for specific degrees is a violation of academic freedom and undermines the principle that faculty, as experts in their field, are best qualified to determine the appropriate level and extent of knowledge needed to earn a university degree.

Fourth, the CSU-DH Academic Senate support efforts to improve access, improve graduation rates, protect academic quality, and provide affordable education. Yet the proposal does not provide evidence that the changes will bring about these objectives. Therefore, we request that data be compiled to evaluate the likelihood that the proposed changes will meet the objectives, or if other measures might more effectively meet the objectives.

¹ Resolution is based, in part, on language contained in resolutions passed by the Academic Senates of Sonoma State University and CSU, Stanislaus.



Associated Students, Incorporated
California State University, Sacramento
6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6011

PASSED 10/24/2012

Legislation ID: 2012/2013-10-31
Date:
To: Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors
From: Monica Cortez, President; Vance Jarrard, CSSA Representative
Subject: Resolution on Graduation Incentive fees

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

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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

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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

Attachment to 6 AS-3105-12/Floor [Davis]

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.

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9. **Whereas**, Humboldt State University has already implemented a policy regarding students' ability to repeat courses, and further policy would amount to bureaucratic redundancy; and,
10. **Whereas**, According to CSU Statistical Abstracts, the tuition of students affected by the Graduation Incentive Fee has already increased 64% in the last four years, and 318% over the last decade; and, the proposed addition of \$372 per unit, or an amount equal to out of state tuition, for every unit beyond 150 units that a student enrolls in, would be a restricting barrier to their education; and,
11. **Whereas**; Many “super seniors” have qualitatively unique situations that have led them to approach the 150 unit mark more swiftly than others, such as career changes, vocational courses taken at community colleges, higher education exploration at community colleges, family commitments, multiple minors, extended education coursework, continuing education coursework, additional certificate programs, or double majors, all of which are not taken into consideration under the proposed Graduation Incentive Fee; and,
12. **Whereas**, HSU is well known for our environmental and biological science programs; and, data sets from the HSU Institutional Research and Planning illustrate that students who graduated between the Spring of 2006 and 2009 with BS degrees acquired an average total of 165.1 units, a comparatively higher number than the average of 149.7 units completed by students

who graduate with a BA; thus students pursuing a BS would be disproportionately harmed by the proposed Graduation Incentive Fee; and,

13. **Whereas**, The State Legislature acknowledges the goal and significance of equity in public higher education in that the “state’s future economic, social, and cultural development depends upon ensuring that all its citizens have opportunities to contribute their best to society” (66002 (f)(1)); and,
14. **Whereas**, Students from disadvantaged and underfunded public schools, as well as English Language Learners, may require more units at college due to matriculation, remediation, and prerequisite courses before completing traditional degree requirements; and,
15. **Whereas**, The 6 year Underrepresented Minority (URM) graduation rate at HSU has plummeted by 14% during the last decade, a period which has also seen a 318% tuition increase; and, the Chancellor’s office has not sufficiently shown that the proposed Fee Package will not result in lower graduation rates among URM students; and,
16. **Whereas**, According to the HSU Report on English Remediation (Fall 2011), “Students with disabilities had a higher proportion (42%) of students who needed English remediation as compared to all students (31%),” and as the proposed Fee Package does not account for the needs of disabled students, a high potential for disproportionate affects exists; and,
17. **Whereas**, The Associated Students of Humboldt State University are committed to the interests of those students currently enrolled in the CSU higher education system who have been actively pursuing both bachelor’s and master’s degrees and should be allowed to complete their college academic plans without undue restraints, while also desiring the creation of policy that protects the interests of incoming freshman and transfer students as well; and,
18. **Whereas**, The Associated Students of Humboldt State University recognizes the tough and complex decisions that the Board of Trustees has had to make, and, acknowledges that it is clear that a piecemeal approach based upon continuous fee increases is no longer a viable and sustainable solution; therefore, be it,
 1. **Resolved**, That the Associated Students of Humboldt State University are opposed to the proposed Fee Package that could prevent current and future students from obtaining degrees in a timely fashion, if at all; and be it further,
 2. **Resolved**, That before a Graduation Incentive Fee is approved, or any other fee declaring a hard limit on financial aid based upon a specific unit cap, the Board of Trustees should analyze the effects of such a regulation upon California’s URM students who have a protected status and a rich history within the CSU; and be it further,
 3. **Resolved**, That the Associated Students of Humboldt State University call upon the Board of Trustees to better represent the individuals of the various CSU institutes by implementing further measures to solicit and examine the opinions and ideas of students, alumni, and faculty, in seeking the creation of solutions to complex educational issues; and be it finally,
 4. **RESOLVED**, This resolution shall be sent to, but not limited to: incoming CSU Chancellor, Dr. Thomas White; outgoing CSU Chancellor, Dr. Charles Reed; All members of the CSU Board of Trustees; HSU President, Dr. Rollin Richmond; Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Peg Blake; Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert Snyder; The University Senate; All University Departments; all local and State media outlets; and all CSU Associated Students