

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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution #2017-17
Title: The Opposing Payment Peaks Act
Sponsored by: Senators-at-Large Daniel Gomez, Hilda Jurado and Yasmin Elasmay; Senator, College of Liberal Arts Jonathan Wanless; Senator, College of Health & Human Services Joe Nino; Senator, College of the Arts Sofia Musman; Senator, College of Engineering Jordan Doering and Vice President Logan Vournas
Date Submitted: February 3, 2017
Date Approved: February 22, 2017

- WHEREAS** the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the single recognized voice for over 37,000 students of the university; and
- WHEREAS** the CSU Board of Trustees (CSU BOT) is responsible for the oversight and adopts rules, regulations, and policies which govern the California State University;¹ and
- WHEREAS** on September 29, 2016, CSU Chancellor Timothy White issued a letter to the California State Student Association (CSSA) President David Lopez and Chair of the Board of Directors Isabelle Franz entailing a possible 2017-18 Tuition Proposal for Consideration; and
- WHEREAS** CSSA has failed to develop a strategic plan to combat the possible tuition increase, and has failed in providing support for the individual CSU campuses; and
- WHEREAS** in this document the Office of the Chancellor states that the priorities of the CSU are: Graduation Initiative 2025, Enrollment Growth, Infrastructure, Employee Compensation, and Mandatory Costs; most of the latter two regarding the increase of California minimum wage and raise for California faculty and staff;² and
- WHEREAS** the Preliminary CSU 2017-18 Budget Plan calls for a \$364 million budget to cover the priorities mentioned above; and
- WHEREAS** the Governor's budget proposed a revenue that contains \$184.9M from the Administration's Anticipated Funding Plan and \$20M in anticipated revenue from tuition due to enrollment growth, which totals \$177.2M in anticipated revenue for the CSU system;³ and
- WHEREAS** this leaves the CSU system with a remaining need of \$141.1M, to which the CSU Office of the Chancellor proposes raising tuition to compensate for that gap;⁴ and

¹ <https://www.calstate.edu/bot/>

² <https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>, pg. 4

³ <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2017-18/pdf/BudgetSummary/FullBudgetSummary.pdf>, pg.34

⁴ <https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>, pg.11

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- WHEREAS** the proposed tuition increase for California State University students taking more than six units is \$270 per year for undergraduate programs, \$312 per year for credential programs, \$438 per year for graduate and other post-baccalaureate programs;⁵ and
- WHEREAS** the potential annual tuition increase for the Doctor of Education program is \$720, the Doctor of Nursing Practice is \$930, and the Doctor of Physical Therapy is \$1,048; and
- WHEREAS** the proposed tuition increase for non-resident tuition per semester unit rate is \$24, which would increase a FTES (Full Time Equivalent Student) by \$360, so \$720 a year;⁶ and
- WHEREAS** the CSULB ASI Board of Directors continues to stand in solidarity with the CSULB student body, including all CSULB student leaders, and the CSU independent organizations such as Students for Quality Education, in mobilizing and advocating for the current needs of the diverse CSU student body; and
- WHEREAS** the CSULB ASI Board of Directors adopted Senate Resolution #2017-08 that officially opposed any possible tuition increase for CSU students and the suggested possible increases in the CSU BOT proposed document; and
- WHEREAS** on February 9, 2017, AB 393 was introduced in the State Assembly, which asks for tuition costs and mandatory statewide fees not go above the amount charged as of December 2016, and also asks for this price to be maintained until the end of the 2019-20 academic school year; now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the CSULB ASI Board of Directors urges the CSU BOT to reevaluate its priorities for the CSU system to better reflect the current needs of the diverse CSU student body by suspending the Graduation Initiative 2025, as well as the plan to increase Full-Time Equivalent Student Growth: 3,600 FTES; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the CSULB ASI Board of Directors formally supports a plan of action that will freeze any tuition increase for a minimum of three years, and not to exceed five years in order to allow the appropriate time needed to secure long-term, sustainable source of funding that will ensure a fully fund California State University system, as well as its system partners; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the CSULB ASI Board of Directors will collaborate with the other 22 CSU's, State Legislature, CSU independent organizations such as Students for Quality Education, as well as the California Faculty Association in mobilizing and advocating for Prop 13 reform as well as California tax reform; and be it finally

⁵ <https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>, pg.11

⁶ <https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>, pg.12

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RESOLVED that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon its approval by the ASI President be distributed to the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Timothy White, California State Student Association, Governor Jerry Brown, CSULB President Jane Close Conoley, Vice President for Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, Vice President for University Relations and Development Andrea Taylor, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Brian Jersky, Vice President for Administration and Finance Mary Stephens, Dean of Students Jeff Klaus, all current and future ASI Officers, Chair of the Academic Senate Norbert Schürer, Executive Officers of the CSULB CFA Chapter, City of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, SSSCC Executive Officers, UCSA Executive Officers, the Daily 49er and the Union Weekly.

Logan Vournas, Vice President &
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:

Marvin Flores, Associated Students President

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