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

Bill Number:	**Senate Resolution # 2017-05**
Title:	**Support for Increased Financial Resources to International Students at CSULB**
Sponsored by:	**Senator-at-Large Yasmin Elasmar, Senator for the College of the Arts Sofia Musman, and Senator for the College of Engineering Ashutosh Pandey**
Date Submitted:	**September 22, 2016**
Date Approved:	**October 19, 2016**

WHEREAS the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the recognized voice for over 37,000 students; and

WHEREAS CSULB strives to make this campus an inclusive and supportive learning environment where a quality education is available to students of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS CSULB continuously encourages students to obtain an education beyond their culture and describes study abroad programs as "life-changing" and a "resume builder;"[1] and

WHEREAS in the most recent study regarding student demographics, approximately 432 newly enrolled international students are attending CSULB in the Fall of 2016, a major decrease from the 1,010 international students who entered in the Fall of 2015;[2] and

WHEREAS international student fees, including international transportation, housing, and unsubsidized tuition, can amount to about $35,000 per academic year[3] for undergraduate students and approximately $46,000 for graduate students; and

WHEREAS international students are eligible for scholarships provided by the University, but are currently not eligible for any private scholarships or any government granted financial aid, which are a majority of the scholarships and financial aid that the CSULB Center for Scholarship Information offers;[4] and

WHEREAS approximately 20% of the students utilizing grants given by the CSULB Emergency Intervention and Wellness Program are international students who have found themselves unable to maintain the high living and tuition expenses;[5] now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that CSULB ASI works to increase international student access to scholarships by creating multiple scholarships that can help offset the financial and emotional burden of receiving an international education, and reward qualified students for their perseverance and pursuit of education abroad; and be it further

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[1] https://global.ccpe.csulb.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.Home
[2] CSULB Center for International Education
[3] http://web.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/financial_aid/costs.html
[4] CSULB Scholarship Office
[5] CSULB Dean of Students Office

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RESOLVED that the ASI Secretary for International Student Affairs is advised to work with the Director of International Student Services to ensure that more scholarships are available to international students within the next year and that the scholarships allocated are determined to be impactful and helpful to international students from various countries specifically based on the selection committee's insight; and be it further

RESOLVED that said selection committee is comprised of international student representatives, ASI representatives including the Secretary for International Student Affairs, and full time staff from International Student Services; and be it further

RESOLVED that the University work to increase international student access to aid by offering more resources and scholarships for these students and investigate how the struggles of these students vary based on their country of origin; and be it finally

RESOLVED that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon its approval by the ASI President be distributed to CSULB President Jane Conoley, Vice President for Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, Vice President for University Relations and Development Andrea Taylor, Director of International Student Services Eugenia Kim, Associate Dean and Executive Director of the Center for International Education Terrance Graham, Associate Vice President and Dean of the College of Continuing & Professional Education Jeet Joshee, Director of Financial Aid Nick Valdivia, Assistant Director of the Center for Scholarship Information and Financial Literacy Valerie Kelsey, the California State Student Association, all current and future ASI 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:

10/19/16
Date

Marvin Flores, Associated Students President

10-19-16
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