

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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution #2017-08
Title: In Opposition to the Potential 2017-2018 CSU Tuition Increase
Sponsored by: Vice President Logan Vournas
Date Submitted: October 31, 2016
Date Approved: November 9, 2016

- WHEREAS** the Associated Students (ASI) Board of Directors of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the recognized voice for over 37,000 students; 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 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 staff²; and
- WHEREAS** the Preliminary CSU 2017-18 Budget Plan calls for a \$364 million budget to cover the priorities mentioned above; and
- WHEREAS** the anticipated revenue contains \$157.2M from the Administration's Anticipated Funding Plan and \$20M in anticipated revenue from tuition from 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 \$168.8M, to which the CSU Office of the Chancellor proposes raising tuition to compensate for that gap;⁴ and
- WHEREAS** the proposed tuition increase for California State University students taking more than six units is \$270 per year for undergraduates programs, \$312 per year for credential programs, \$438 per year for graduate and other post-baccalaureate programs;⁵ and

¹ <https://www.calstate.edu/bot/>

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

³ <https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>, pg.11

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

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- WHEREAS** the potential annual tuition increase for the Doctor of Education program is \$720, and 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** 49% of the students who graduate from the CSU will accumulate loan debt for college related expenses;⁷ now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that with an adoption of this resolution, the CSULB ASI Board of Directors officially opposes any possible tuition increase for CSU students and the suggested possible increases in the CSU BOT proposed document; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the CSULB ASI Board of Directors 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 be it further
- RESOLVED** that CSU students should not be held fiscally responsible for the economic impact made by decisions of the state legislature such as the raise in minimum wage and increase in compensation for California State University faculty and staff; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the CSULB ASI Board of Directors requests the CSU BOT to reevaluate its priorities for the CSU system to better reflect the current needs of the diverse CSU student body; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the CSULB ASI Board of Directors urges that the CSU BOT stand in solidarity with CSU students in advocating to Governor Jerry Brown and the California State Legislature with the intention to fully fund the needs of the CSU students; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the CSULB ASI Board of Directors support the efforts of the other 22 CSU's in their efforts on advocating against the potential tuition increase; and be it finally

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

⁷ <https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>, pg. 8

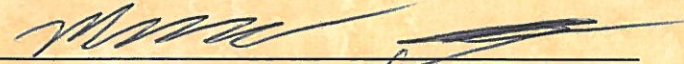
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RESOLVED that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon its approval by the ASI President be distributed to the California State University Board of Trustees, California State Student Association, Governor Jerry Brown, CSULB President Jane Close 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, all associates within the Office of the Provost, Vice President for Administration and Finance Mary Stephens, Dean of Students Jeff Klaus, all current and future ASI Officers, the Chair and members of the Academic Senate, Executive Officers of the CSULB CFA Chapter, Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, SSSCC Executive Officers, and UCSA Executive Officers.



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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