

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

**Bill Number:** Senate Resolution # 2020-30  
**Title:** ASI Recommendation to Increase Financial Support for International Students at California State University, Long Beach  
**Sponsored by:** Senators for the College of Engineering Aaron Chiu and Kiran Sajjan  
**Co-Sponsored by:** Senator-at-Large Stephany Triska  
**Date Submitted:** April 16, 2020  
**Date Approved:** May 6, 2020

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

**WHEREAS** there are a multitude of major fundamental problems faced by international students not faced by domestic students, including but not limited to: being eligible to receive financial aid, student aid, dealing with cultural differences, facing a language barrier, finding help or tutor support for academic problems faced in the classroom, and many other challenges;<sup>1</sup>and

**WHEREAS** it is the mission of the California State University system to “achieve success for all students through a quality education matched with opportunity,” and more-so the California State University system celebrates itself for its “commitment to diversity, inclusion and excellence... [it] is a stalwart advocate for student achievement, irrespective of background or life circumstance;”<sup>2</sup>and

**WHEREAS** the total cost of attendance for California residents enrolled in CSULB undergraduate programs in the 2020-21 academic year is \$19,966 for commuters, \$25,052 for on-campus students, and \$24,916 for off-campus students;<sup>3</sup>and

**WHEREAS** that the cost of attendance for out of state residents enrolled in CSULB undergraduate programs in the 2020-21 academic year is \$30,262 for commuters, \$35,348 for on-campus students and \$35,212 for off-campus students;<sup>4</sup>and

**WHEREAS** the total cost of attendance for California residents enrolled in CSULB standard graduate programs for the 2020-21 academic year is \$21,490 for commuters, \$26,576 for on-campus students and \$26,440 for off-campus students;<sup>5</sup>and

**WHEREAS** the total cost of attendance for out of state residents enrolled in a CSULB standard graduate programs for the 2020-21 academic year is \$28,618 for commuters, \$33,704 for on-campus students and \$33,568 for off-campus students;<sup>6</sup>and

**WHEREAS** that historic trend of higher education proves that an upward curve for tuition and fees of both graduate and undergraduate students is inevitable yet it is even higher for international students;<sup>7</sup>and

<sup>1</sup>[https://info.hccmis.com/international-students-guide-to-financial-aid?\\_ga=2.244620293.1098505314.1587020666-949294169.1587020666](https://info.hccmis.com/international-students-guide-to-financial-aid?_ga=2.244620293.1098505314.1587020666-949294169.1587020666)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.asicsulb.org/corporate/resources/about-us>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.csulb.edu/financial-aid/undergraduate-costs>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.csulb.edu/financial-aid/undergraduate-costs>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.csulb.edu/financial-aid/graduate-student-costs>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.csulb.edu/financial-aid/graduate-student-costs>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.bestvalueschools.com/understanding-the-rising-costs-of-higher-education/>

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- WHEREAS** that the statistics show that the cost of attendance at CSULB costs approximately USD 35,946 for international students to attend; and according to College Factual, CSULB is ranked 35<sup>th</sup> out of 1,209 in terms of value for international students;<sup>8</sup>and
- WHEREAS** that there are approximately 2,577 international students at CSULB; they make up 6.8% of all total students;<sup>9</sup>and
- WHEREAS** out of state tuition at CSULB is USD 18,610 per year, which does not include room and board or additional student fees; and
- WHEREAS** that an international graduate student would pay an average fee of USD 7500 per semester for 9 units of college credit, accounting to 833 USD per credit; and
- WHEREAS** international students are not typically eligible for federal financial aid,<sup>10</sup> though some exceptions exist, such as for refugees and green card holders; however, in the absence of grants and loans offered by the federal government, some colleges still offer significant financial aid to international students;<sup>11</sup>and
- WHEREAS** in all, 468 ranked colleges reported offering financial aid to at least 50 international students<sup>12</sup> in an annual U.S. News survey in the spring of 2019; and across these schools, the average amount of financial aid disbursed to international students during the 2018-19 school year was \$22,142; however, some schools were far more generous, with the top 10 universities offering an average aid package of \$65,767; and
- WHEREAS** Skidmore College in New York and Duke University in North Carolina are also generous in providing aid for international students; Skidmore offered students an average of \$67,085 for 2018-19, while Duke disbursed an average of \$66,754; and
- WHEREAS** on the flip side, some schools offer little in the way of financial aid to international students; per U.S. News data, the University of Central Florida<sup>13</sup> awarded an average of \$684 in financial aid to its international students and Texas A&M International University<sup>14</sup> awarded \$801 on average; and
- WHEREAS** Drexel University in Pennsylvania, Miami University-Oxford in Ohio does not require or encourage the completion of the FAFSA for international students, it does not ask international students to complete anything for financial aid eligibility and they are automatically considered for merit scholarships upon applying for admission;<sup>15</sup>and
- WHEREAS** about 30% of the tuition fees paid by international students is directed towards State Grant universities which in turn provides scholarships or FAFSA to California resident students; now therefore, be it

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.collegefactual.com/rankings/international-value/overall/#35>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.collegefactual.com/colleges/california-state-university-long-beach/student-life/international/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/an-ultimate-guide-to-understanding-college-financial-aid>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/the-short-list-college/articles/universities-that-offer-international-students-the-most-financial-aid>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/studying-in-the-united-states>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/ucf-3954>

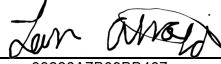
<sup>14</sup> <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/texas-am-international-9651>

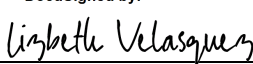
<sup>15</sup> <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/2019-01-29/what-international-students-should-know-about-the-fafsa>

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- RESOLVED** that CSULB ASI recognizes the cultural, societal, and financial barriers that international students continue to face and that they need to be addressed; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that CSULB ASI encourages any efforts to better support CSULB international students, including financial sustainability; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that CSULB ASI encourages the creation of a university budget allocated on providing scholarships that allow international students to be included as an eligible part of the candidate scholarship pool; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that CSULB ASI urges the Academic Senate to encourage faculty members and lecturers of all colleges, departments, and majors to inform international students of both existing and upcoming school resources; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the Centre for International Education (CIE), the 49er Foundation, and the Financial Aid Office work together towards the accomplishment of the goal to lessen the financial burden on international students; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that both international undergraduates and graduates should be eligible to receive scholarships up to six months after graduating and as long as they have not received their graduation certificate from the university, which is in response to the case that a student obtains a scholarship while being enrolled in GS700 or RCL (reduced course load) to conduct research despite completing scholarship applications, they will not be able to receive the scholarship funding originally awarded to them; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that every student who receives an i20 should be given an eligible scholarship application; 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, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Ann Takemoto, incoming Vice President for Student Affairs Beth Lensen, Provost Brian Jersky, Director of Basic Needs Kenneth Kelly, Dean of Students Piya Bose, Chair of Academic Senate Jessica Pandya, Associate Vice President, International Education and Global Engagement and Dean of the College of Professional and International Education Jeet Joshee, Director of International Students & Scholars Eugenia Kim, all current and future ASI Officers, the Daily 49er and 22 West Media.

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