



**RESOLUTION TO URGE THE FRESNO STATE ACADEMIC SENATE TO
RECONSIDER CHANGING THE DROP DEADLINE**

- WHEREAS,** Associated Students California State University, Fresno, (ASI) is the recognized student body government and the official student voice of California State University, Fresno; and
- WHEREAS,** It is the mission of ASI to provide a means for effective student participation in the governance of the University, foster awareness of student opinions on campus issues, assist in the protection of student rights, and provide programs and services to meet the needs of the students and campus community; and
- WHEREAS,** It is the responsibility of ASI to guarantee that changes to academic policy are made with consultation of students to ensure that all changes are made not only in the best interests of students but with full consideration of the needs of and ramifications for our student body; and
- WHEREAS,** The Academic Senate Academic Policy and Planning Committee of California State University, Fresno, has proposed amending Academic Policy Manual 231 (Adding and Dropping Class); and
- WHEREAS,** This change would move the date for students to drop a class (hereafter referred to as the “drop deadline”) up by one week, with the intent of moving the drop deadline up further in the future; and be it
- RESOLVED,** ASI understands that late-term drops put undue pressure on instructors and prevent students who may need a class to graduate from being able to take that slot earlier in the semester, and as such appreciates that the University is looking into solutions to address this issue; and be it
- RESOLVED,** ASI is not supportive of moving the “hard drop deadline” (the deadline after which department consent is necessary and the student must provide a “serious and compelling reason”) to an earlier week in the semester; and be it
- RESOLVED,** ASI believes that moving the drop deadline up would be detrimental to student success at California State University, Fresno; and be it
- RESOLVED,** ASI understands that oftentimes circumstances arise that would make it difficult to maintain a planned course load, and we believe it is important to give students ample time to understand the expected academic load and better make the decision whether or not to stay in a class without having to make a rash decision; and be it
- RESOLVED,** ASI believes moving up the drop deadline as proposed by the Academic Senate would create a period of time in which students could add a class and then not drop it, contrary to the way students have traditionally registered for classes; and be it
- RESOLVED,** ASI believes changing the drop deadline multiple times for the same cohort of students would be unnecessarily confusing to students; and be it
- RESOLVED,** ASI is supportive of creating a “soft drop deadline” after the open drop period in which students would be required to receive instructor permission to drop a class as a deterrent from staying in the class after a student has decided to drop that class; and be it
- RESOLVED,** ASI calls for further student consultation before any change is made to the drop deadline; and be it



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RESOLVED, ASI hopes to maintain an open dialogue with the Academic Senate as discussion moves forward on this issue; and be it

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited, to the following: the Academic Senate, the California State University, Fresno administration, the California State Student Association, all CSU AS organizations, all current and future ASI Officers, the Collegian, The Fresno Bee and the California State Board of Trustees.

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Date

Abigail Hudson, ASI President & CEO
With support of the ASI Senate

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