



Associated Students, Inc.

California State University, Fresno

### **Resolution in Response to the Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Task Force Proposal**

*Whereas:* California State University, Fresno must address and account for a two million dollar budget gap for the 2011-2012 academic year; and

*Whereas:* The two million dollar gap, represents a sustained decrease in state funding to California State University, Fresno

*Whereas:* To address the budget gap, the Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Task Force [AABATF] was created and charged with recommending sustainable approaches to closing the aforementioned gap; and

*Whereas:* The Academic Senate is the faculty body responsible for recommendations and decisions regarding academic curriculum and policy; and

*Whereas:* The AABATF report is a set of recommendations to the Provost and to the Academic Senate, which then makes its own evaluation of those recommendations; and

*Whereas:* In order to make its evaluation of the AABATF recommendations, the Academic Senate requires full information about the rationale for those recommendations; and

*Whereas:* The California State University, through its 23 campuses, works to encourage and provide access to an excellent education to all who are prepared for and wish to participate in collegiate study, strives to prepare graduates who will make a difference in the workforce and to play a vital role in the growth of California's communities and economy; and

*Whereas:* California State University, Fresno's mission includes making student success the University's first priority; and

*Whereas:* California State University, Fresno's mission includes striving to advance the established distinction in liberal arts and sciences, professional programs, and community engagement; and

*Whereas:* Associated Students, Inc. [ASI] of California State University, Fresno, as the recognized student body government organization, is committed to ensuring that all decisions in response to the budget gap are made with first and foremost consideration to the welfare of the students; and

*Whereas:* *ASI, is opposed to any action regarding the present and further budget gaps that does not strive first and foremost to minimize the effects of this shortfall by striving to secure access, quality and opportunity to education for students; therefore*

**Be it Resolved:** That ASI believes any plan enacted should include a short-term and long-term provision that allows students enrolled in programs that would ultimately be eliminated the framework to graduate in a timely order, ensuring class availability and other essential



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resources, as well as all other requirements set by the education codes that this institution is bound by; and therefore

**Be it Further Resolved:** That the members of the AABATF should maintain constant communication with ASI as the recognized student body government organization, with students at large, with the Academic Senate, and, if necessary, with the Academic Policy and Planning Committee and the University Budget Committee to promote transparency and awareness of both budgetary issues and solutions; and therefore

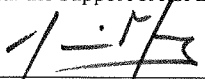
**Be it Further Resolved:** that if cuts to Schools, Colleges, and other units of Academic Affairs are necessary, that they shall receive a proportionate reduction of funding that will equal the budget shortfall for the 2012–2013 academic year; and therefore

**Be it Further Resolved:** That the recommendations regarding such cuts provide “sustainable approaches” and the financial rationale for those recommendations contribute to closing the base budget gap while maintaining a strong academic curriculum; and therefore

**Be it Further Resolved:** That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including but not limited to affected parties including: President Welty, Provost Covino, California State University, Fresno Schools and Colleges, the Academic Senate, all CSU Associated Students, The Collegian, and the Fresno Bee.

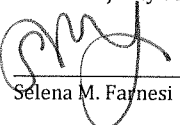
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