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**Associated Students, Inc.  
California State University, Fresno**

**Resolution to Ban the use of Military-Style Drones on the Fresno State Campus  
such as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.**

**Whereas**, the increasing trend of implementing military hardware such as drones in the United States presents a serious threat to the privacy rights of Americans and the constitutional rights of U.S. citizens-- and specifically Fresno State Students; and

**Whereas**, in 2012 the University of California Berkeley's Police Department applied for and was awarded a \$200,000 grant by the Department of Homeland Security to purchase an Armored Personnel Vehicle called a "BearCat," but later canceled their grant as a result of the community's outrage; and

**Whereas**, the Berkeley City Council also condemned such actions by the UC Berkley's Campus Police department to use military hardware; and

**Whereas**, this growing trend has led other university campus police departments nationwide to seek to usage of such invasive and predatory military equipment on university property on the false premise that such equipment improves campus safety; and

**Whereas**, this increasing trend to use military-style equipment on college campuses is a cause for concern and alarm among college students across the nation including Fresno State students; and


**Whereas**, the federal government has failed to illustrate any restrictions on the use of drones within the United States; and

**Whereas**, the State of California has also neglected to provide any legal limitations on use of drones within the state; and


**Whereas**, this absence of existing guidance or guidelines from law makers should prohibit police departments throughout the country, as well as the Fresno State campus from utilizing and/or implementing drone technology.

**Let it therefore be resolved**, that as the recognized student body government organization, which has a fundamental interest in the in the defense of student's civil liberties of whom it represents, Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) of California State University, Fresno, does not endorse any plan on the Fresno State campus which entails the use of law enforcement drones on university property and thus supports a ban on UAVs on the campus which are not educational, academic, or research related.

**Let it be resolved that**, The Fresno State ASI student government encourages the Fresno State Academic Faculty Senate, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, Fresno City Counsel, the State of California, and the United States congress to adopt legislation and policies that prohibit the domestic use of drones to gather personal information on U.S. Citizens, and the use of other drones equipped with anti-personnel devices or other methods designed to harm, incapacitate, or otherwise negatively impact an American citizen.

  
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Written by Neil O'Brien, Senator for Parking and Safety

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Arthur Montejano, ASI President  
With support of the ASI Senate

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