



A RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2014 - 15 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Associated Students Inc. is the recognized student body government of California State University, Fresno; and

WHEREAS, It is the mission of the CSU to maintain and enhance access to an affordable, quality education for the people of California; and

WHEREAS, The CSU provides higher educational opportunity and access to low-income and middle-class residents of California who are seeking to attain well-paying jobs after earning a baccalaureate degree; and

WHEREAS, As a result of recent state budget cuts, the CSU has faced a series of tuition and fee increases since 2001, raising the cost of undergraduate attendance from \$1,428 in 2001 to an estimated \$5,970 in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Every \$1 invested in the CSU yields a \$5.43 return back to the California economy (this figure only goes up after accounting for graduate salaries), sustains almost 150,000 jobs and provides a majority of graduates in key economic areas such as agriculture, medicine, criminal justice and education; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of California supported Governor Brown's Tax Initiative, Proposition 30, with 54% of the vote in order to balance the budget and preserve public education; and

WHEREAS, Students, CSSA, ASI, and all member associated organizations took an active role in the 2012 Presidential and Statewide Election, registering more than 31,000 new voters and organizing Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Budget forecasts balanced future budgets with a General Fund surplus while reducing state debt; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Budget includes an additional increase in funding of \$142.1 million dollars for the CSU in 2014-2015, proposed increases for future years; and

WHEREAS, The California budget includes policy provisions that request a freeze on CSU tuition for at least three more years; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That ASI commends Governor Brown for keeping his word to students, the CSU and the people of California upon passage of Proposition 30; further be it

RESOLVED, That ASI acknowledges the 2014-15 budget as a positive step in restoring public higher education in California; further be it



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RESOLVED, That ASI urges the Governor, in consultation with the state legislature, to continue reinvesting in the CSU system to ensure that the State of California has the educated workforce it needs for the economy; be it finally

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Timothy White, CSU Campus Presidents, CSU Associated Students, the United States Students Association, Governor Jerry Brown, the California Legislature.

Written by:

Sean Kiernan, Vice President of External Affairs

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Sean Kiernan, Vice President of External Affairs

2-5-14

Date

Supported by:

Moses Menchaca, ASI President

With a majority vote of the ASI Senate

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Moses Menchaca, ASI President

2/6/14

Date