



**A RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING IN THE  
2013-14 BUDGET**

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

**WHEREAS**, It is the mission of ASI, in conjunction with the California State Student Association, to maintain and enhance the accessibility of 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, and when enhanced earning by graduates are taken into account, the annual return rises to over \$23 for every \$1 invested; and

**WHEREAS**, The CSU 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, 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 California budget includes an additional increase in funding of \$125 million dollars for the CSU in 2013-2014, proposed increases for future years, and an increase of \$61 million to the Cal Grant Program; and



**WHEREAS**, The California budget includes policy provisions that request a freeze on CSU tuition for at least four 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 2013-14 budget is a positive first step in restoring public higher education in California; further be it

**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:

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With the support of ASI Legislative Affairs Committee

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Arthur Montejano, ASI President  
With a majority vote of the ASI Senate

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