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Fresno State Students Give Stance on Proposition 30

(FRESNO, Calif.) –On Thursday, Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. individuals representing Fresno State’s Associated Students Inc. (ASI) will be holding a press conference regarding Proposition 30.

ASI student body president, Arthur Montejano and vice president of external affairs, Sean Kiernan will be joined by university president John W. Welty. The press conference will take place on the speaker’s platform in the Free Speech Area.

Proposition 30 is a topic that has many Fresno State students passionately bantering for which they believe will be more beneficial. On Wednesday, Sept. 26, Fresno State’s Associated Student Inc. (ASI) decided to show support in favor of Proposition 30.

"Approval of Proposition 30 by voters is vital to protecting the California State University from increasingly diminished affordability, accessibility, and quality," said Kiernan. "The initiative's failure will cause a \$250 million cut to the CSU system, causing serious cuts to courses, enrollment, and employment. It is the difference between tuition going down \$249 or up \$150 per semester."

The goal of this press conference is to bring awareness to students and the community for the justification for supporting Proposition 30 as well as answer any questions.

"Public education is supposed to be exactly that, public, meaning funded by society collectively, and that is what Proposition 30 does. Its failure to pass, places a massive financial burden on a much smaller segment of the population in less of a position to pay it," said Kiernan.

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ASI is a body of elected student representatives that encourages student involvement in campus-wide decisions and funds student programs. As the student government we ensure that students’ rights are protected and their voices are heard.