



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 30, TEMPORARY TAXES TO FUND EDUCATION**

**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 has recently faced substantial budget cuts from the state, including a reduction of \$750 million in 2011-2012 alone; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to the state budget cuts, the CSU has also 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, 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 state of California currently has a \$15.7 billion deficit; and

**WHEREAS**, The current state budget assumes the passage of Proposition 30 by California voters in order to balance the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, The California higher education system faces an automatic "trigger cut" of \$250 million to the CSU and the University of California (UC) system, and \$548.5 million to the California Community College (CCC) system if voters do not approve Proposition 30; and

**WHEREAS**, The California budget also includes an increase in funding of \$125 million to the CSU and UC in 2013-2014 if Proposition 30 is approved and tuition and fees are maintained at 2011-2012 levels for the 2012-2013 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, The California State University, Fresno administration and the CSU Board of Trustees are considering several proposals to compensate for the \$250 million trigger cut of Proposition 30 is not approved by California Voters; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposals include, but are not limited to, raising tuition 5% (\$150) per semester for full time undergraduates and reducing enrollment by 1.5% (6000 students); and

**RESOLVED**, That ASI supports Proposition 30 and its dedication of funds to education and a balanced state budget; be it further



**RESOLVED**, That ASI and all member campuses will take an active role in advocating for higher education, its benefits to the state of California and the issues affecting each campus to state and local representatives and the general public; and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, CSU Campus Presidents, CSU Associated Students, the United States Student Association, California Faculty Association, University of California Student Association, California Teachers Association, Governor Jerry Brown, the Sacramento Bee, the Office of Assembly Speaker John Pérez, the office of Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg, the office of Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway, and the office of Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff

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