

A Resolution in Support of AB 2033 (Salas)

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

WHEREAS, As the recognized student body government organization at California State University Fresno, ASI provides a means for effective student participation in the governance of the University, fosters awareness of student opinions on campus issues, assists in the protection of student rights, and provides programs and services to meet the needs of the students and campus community; and

WHEREAS, The Agriculture industry is the heart of the Central Valley's economy, and is reflected by Fresno State's emphasis in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Over sixty percent of Californians with agriculture degree obtain them through the CSU; and

WHEREAS, The health of the agriculture industry and Fresno State directly influence each other; and

WHEREAS, ASI recognizes California, as the leading agriculture producing state in the nation for over 60 years, has a compelling interest in ensuring that its school system supports and promotes the continued development of innovative and thoughtful agricultural leaders; and

WHEREAS, The Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Program has given clear guidance and direction to school districts throughout California in developing and promoting high-quality program standards; and

WHEREAS, The Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Program has provided financial incentives for school districts to embark on a systematic and sustained process for improving the delivery and effectiveness of agricultural education throughout California; and

WHEREAS, Fresno State's reputation for leadership in a variety of innovative and expanding science, technology, engineering, and agricultural industries has been made possible through the availability of well-trained and educated personnel; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2033 (Salas) allocates an additional \$4.1 million to the Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Program; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, ASI recognizes how AB 2033 directly benefits Fresno State's agriculture studies programs; and be it

RESOLVED, ASI calls on the California Senate and Assembly to pass AB 2033; and be it

RESOLVED, This be distributed widely, to the following (but not limited to); The Collegian, the Fresno Bee, the Jordan College of Agriculture, Assemblyman Rudy Salas, Assemblyman Henry T. Perea, Assemblyman Jim Patterson, Assemblywoman Connie Conway, Senator Andy Vidak, and Senator Tom Berryhill.