ASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ STANCE ON POTENTIAL SEMESTER CONVERSION

WHEREAS: Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors is the official voice of Cal Poly students, and

WHEREAS: In fall quarter of the 2012-13 academic year, President Armstrong posed the question of what a conversion to a semester system would look like for Cal Poly, and

WHEREAS: To evaluate a possible conversion, President Armstrong created the Semester Review Task Force with members representing alumni, faculty, staff, and students in the spirit of shared governance, and

WHEREAS: ASI Student Government wanted to be informed of the overall process and, therefore, met with the Chair of the Semester Review Task Force, Dr. Rachel Fernflores, and

WHEREAS: ASI Student Government took an active role in the process and conducted a conversation-based outreach survey with over 1,000 students, that asked about the benefits of quarters and semesters, and submitted this data to the Semester Review Task Force, and

WHEREAS: The Semester Review Task Force released their official report after the conclusion of fall quarter, which was one of the most extensive and holistic reports of its kind thus far, recommending that we do not move to semesters at this time, and

WHEREAS: President Armstrong sought consultation from the Academic Senate and the ASI Board of Directors following the release of the official report, but prior to coming to a decision, and

WHEREAS: In order to further understand the stance of the student body, the ASI Board of Directors elected to host a campuswide advisory vote, because the Semester Review Task Force Report had been released, the students had the ability to thoroughly inform themselves on the topic, and

WHEREAS: Students demonstrated their passion for the issue with 43.2 percent of students voting, which broke a Cal Poly voter record, and

WHEREAS: 89.8 percent of students voted in favor of quarters, with overwhelming support for quarters within each academic college.

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: That as the official voice of the students, the ASI Board of Directors strongly supports remaining on the quarter system, and
FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: This resolution will be sent to CSU Chancellor White and President Armstrong to relay student support for remaining on the quarter system.

CERTIFIED as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Associated Students, Inc. this ___ day of __________, 2013.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Associated Students, Inc. this ___ day of __________ 2013.

Attest:
ASI Secretary

Signed:
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:
ASI President

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