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

WHEREAS: It is the mission of the California State Student Association (CSSA) to maintain and enhance the accessibility of an affordable education for the people of California; and

WHEREAS: At the November 12, 2007 meeting, CSSA passed “A Resolution in Opposition of Statewide University Fee Increases,” which expresses CSSA’s “absolute opposition” to any fee increases; and

WHEREAS: At the January 26, 2014 CSSA meeting, CSSA approved the Statewide Student Association Voluntary Systemwide Fee proposal by a vote of 18 in favor and 5 opposed. If passed, this will result in a $4 increase in fees per student per year; and

WHEREAS: CSSA’s proposed Statewide Student Association Voluntary Systemwide Fee raises student fees, which contradicts CSSA’s affordability principles in the mission statement; and

WHEREAS: The proposed Statewide Student Association Voluntary Systemwide Fee increases CSSA’s budget by approximately 600%, with no predetermined budget structure; and

WHEREAS: On May 2, 2012, Cal Poly’s ASI Board of Directors passed Resolution #12-02 which states that “Cal Poly ASI is committed to implementing a systemwide representation fee to assist in sustainably funding CSSA only after the systemwide fee has been approved through student referenda passed by majority of students on a majority of California State University (CSU) campuses”; and

WHEREAS: The proposed Statewide Student Association Voluntary Systemwide Fee does not require approval through student referenda; and

WHEREAS: As listed under the responsibilities of the CSSA Board of Directors, the Board is responsible for informing campus constituents about CSSA by articulating the mission, accomplishments, and goals; and

WHEREAS: This fee has a complex waiver process and lacks transparency and education plans, which opposes CSSA’s mission statement by failing to “articulating the mission, accomplishments, and goals” of CSSA.
THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: Although Cal Poly students support sustainable funding for CSSA, without student referenda or a plan of action for the funds, Cal Poly cannot support the Statewide Student Association Voluntary Systemwide Fee.

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: Cal Poly ASI is committed to educating our students about the Statewide Student Association Voluntary Systemwide Fee and waiver process. Until a proper budget structure is established, we will strongly encourage our students to waive the fee.

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: Cal Poly ASI encourages fellow CSUs to fulfill their CSSA Board of Directors responsibilities by educating their campus constituents about the Statewide Student Association Voluntary Systemwide Fee and the waiver process.

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: Copies of this resolution will be sent to the CSSA Board of Directors and the CSU Board of Trustees.

Certified as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this 26 day of February 2014.

Attest: 
ASI Secretary

Signed:
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:
ASI President

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this 26 day of March 2014.

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