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

WHEREAS: Per the California State University (CSU) Fee Policy, Category II fees are “campus-based mandatory fees required for enrollment”. The CSU Fee Policy outlines the general process for establishing and adjusting Category II fees such as student success fees; however, the specific details are determined at the individual campus level, and

WHEREAS: In following Cal Poly’s model of transparency, shared governance, and accountability, Cal Poly’s Student Success Fee was established in Fall Quarter of the 2012-2013 Academic Year through an advisory referendum. There was a voter turnout of 39% of the student body, and 57% of students voted in favor of the fee, and

WHEREAS: Cal Poly’s Student Success Fee has been critical in supporting our Learn By Doing philosophy and overall student success during curtailment of State general-fund revenues. To date, this has added 38 faculty members, 1,120 sections, approximately 39,000 seats, and increased student accessibility to other campus resources, and

WHEREAS: The CSU Board of Trustees issued a moratorium on Category II fees, such as Cal Poly’s Student Success Fee. As directed by the California legislature, the Chancellor created a Student Success Fee Working Group to review and prepare recommended changes to the fee policy and present it to the CSU Board of Trustees by February 2015. In their review of student success fees, the Chancellor and Board of Trustees have the authority to dramatically change student success fee processes such as oversight, adjustment, and establishment.

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: That as the official voice of Cal Poly students, the ASI Board of Directors strongly believes:

- The chancellor of the CSU system should retain delegated authority for the establishment of Category II fees, and, the president of the university should retain responsibility for appropriate and meaningful discussion with campus constituencies through student referenda or consultation for allocation of said fees. Reaffirming the current process gives campuses influence over their fees while ensuring that they comply with overall CSU goals.

- A sunset clause on Category II fees, such as student success fees, would negatively impact the continuation and establishment of programs, addition of classes, and hiring of staff and faculty due to the potential loss of funding.
That as the official voice of Cal Poly students, the ASI Board of Directors strongly advises:

- The CSU Board of Trustees pursue measures for providing accountability on the individual campuses.
- The CSU Board of Trustees investigate campus’ actions to ensure involvement of the student voice in the allocation of student success fees.
- That each campus have a student success fee advisory committee with both student representatives and university officials responsible for reviewing campus needs and providing recommendations to the university president regarding student success fee funding.
- That the policy recommended by the Student Success Fee Working Group allows individual campuses the autonomy to identify and address their own unique financial needs.

This resolution will be sent to CSU Chancellor White, the CSU Board of Trustees, President Armstrong, and the Cal Poly Academic Senate.

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 29th day of October, 2014.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this 29th day of October, 2014.

Attest:

ASI Secretary

Signed:

ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:

ASI President

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