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

WHEREAS: The California State University (CSU) is comprised of twenty-three campuses, one of which is the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; according to the CSU impact report, for each $1 invested by the state, the CSU generates $5.43 for California’s economy annually¹; and

WHEREAS: The CSU enrolled approximately 394,000 students and awarded 105,693 degrees in 2014-2015 in key economic areas such as agriculture, medicine, criminal justice, and education²; and

WHEREAS: As a result of recent state budget cuts, the CSU has faced a series of tuition and fee increases, raising the cost of undergraduate attendance from $1,428 in 2001 to an estimated $5,970 in 2012³; and

WHEREAS: The current Governor’s proposed state budget underfunds the CSU Budget Request by over $100 million.

WHEREAS: The 2015-2016 final budget agreement provided the California State University many benefits including but not limited to:

- 30% of new state funds were identified to support a two percent compensation pool to benefit all employees, subject to college bargaining negotiations.

- Campuses were provided $38 million to invest in and augment student success and degree completion efforts. Of these funds, campuses have used them for the following purposes: tenure-track faculty hiring (55%), enhanced advising (17%), high impact practices and student retention (10%), addressing bottlenecks (7%), student preparation (6%), and data-driven decision making (5%).

- Preliminary fall enrollment figures indicated that the system was on track for its enrolment growth of three percent or about 12,000 students.

WHEREAS: If the current CSU proposed budget is fully funded, it will provide the following:

- Enrollment access to an estimated 12,600 additional students.

¹ https://www.calstate.edu/impact/state/investment.html
² http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2016-17/pdf/BudgetSummary/HigherEducation.pdf
• $25 million in ongoing funding to address a critically deferred maintenance backlog of $2 billion.

• An average of $2.2 million per campus to support student success.

• Provide a two percent compensation pool to support faculty and staff.

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: That the ASI Board of Directors advocates for the fully funded budget as proposed by the CSU Board of Trustees, which focuses on greater access and success for students;

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: That the ASI Board of Directors urge the Governor, the Assembly, and the Senate to remember California’s priorities and invest in the CSU and seek ways to fully fund higher education in order to protect the future of California by preserving access, quality, and affordability of the CSU;

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: That this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to: Governor Jerry Brown, the California Legislature Committee on Higher Education, CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White, and Cal Poly University President Jeffrey D. Armstrong.

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 _____ day of __________, 2012.

Attest: ____________________________
ASI Secretary

Signed: ____________________________
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed: ____________________________
ASI President

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ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this ____ day of _________ 2012.