

Associated Students, Inc.  
California Polytechnic State University  
San Luis Obispo

Resolution #17- 06

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS CAMPUS-WIDE

- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serves as the official voice of over 20,000 students at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), *and*
- WHEREAS: Feminine products, which for the purposes of this proposal refers to tampons and pads, are essential for the management of menstruation, not a luxury, and key to female student success while menstruation is occurring, *and*
- WHEREAS: Menstruation is an element of the female reproductive system and an inevitable event that occurs approximately monthly for female students at California Polytechnic State University: San Luis Obispo, *and*
- WHEREAS: At least 47.2% of Cal Poly students <sup>1</sup> use feminine hygiene products including: menstruating woman, some transgender men, intersex people, and non-binary people may menstruate and need feminine hygiene products. These students use the women's, men's, and all-gender restrooms, *and*
- WHEREAS: On-campus resources for purchasing feminine products are priced above market value at approximately \$0.40 per item compared to the local San Luis Obispo drugstore cost of approximately \$0.29 per item and \$0.10 when purchased at a wholesale level, *and*
- WHEREAS: On average females in California spend approximately \$7.00 per month<sup>2</sup>, *and*
- WHEREAS: On-campus resources for free feminine hygiene products are limited to availability at the PULSE Pantry where said availability is solely reliant on donations and the Gender Equity Center, *and*
- WHEREAS: Cal Poly, an institution of leaders who strive for inclusivity, in implementing this program, can set an example, similar to those at Brown University, Columbia University, Emory University, Duke University, and others<sup>3</sup>, by moving forward to support a more inclusive environment, *and*
- WHEREAS: California State legislators are working on Assembly Bill no. 10 to amend Section 35292.5 and Section 66026.5 of the education code and to add Section 50410 to the Health and Safety Code which would require all K-12 restrooms in public institutions to provide

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/quickfacts.html>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/01/08/the-tampon-tax-explained/?utm\\_term=.fcffbe5841bb](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/01/08/the-tampon-tax-explained/?utm_term=.fcffbe5841bb)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/college-kids-want-free-tampons-for-america](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/college-kids-want-free-tampons-for-america)

feminine products in restrooms and encourage public universities to do the same<sup>4</sup>, *and*

WHEREAS: To put this cost in perspective, If each female student at Cal Poly was to be provided with five tampons per quarter, and each costs an estimated \$0.10 to provide, it would cost approximately \$5,000 per quarter, *and*

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED:

In order to best support student success, the ASI Board of Directors, as the official voice of students, recommends that Cal Poly provides feminine hygiene products in female, male, and all gender restrooms in facilities campus-wide, *and*

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED:

The ASI Board of Directors recommends that Cal Poly provide a suitable quantity of feminine hygiene products to sufficiently support the need of students using restrooms in facilities campus-wide, *and*

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED:

The ASI Board of Directors recommends that Cal Poly provide feminine hygiene products free of cost to students in facilities campus-wide, *and*

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED:

That this resolution be sent to Keith B. Humphrey, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Kathleen Enz Finken, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Kathleen McMahon, Dean of Students, President Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Juanita Holler, Associate Vice President for Facilities, and Scott Loosley, Director of Facilities Operations.

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<sup>4</sup> [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB10](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB10)

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of  
the Board of Directors at San Luis  
Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students,  
Inc. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

Attest:

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ASI Secretary

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Signed:  
ASI Chair of the Board

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Signed:  
ASI President

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