RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DINING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serves as the official voice of students at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), and

WHEREAS: Cal Poly’s goal is to foster student personal and academic development by supporting and accommodating their diverse backgrounds, and

WHEREAS: Since freshmen living on campus are required to have a dining plan, dining services is responsible for filling dietary needs of students, including potential religious holiday needs, and

WHEREAS: Previously, campus dining has not offered food specific to religious holidays prior to, and during the time of the holiday, and

WHEREAS: Current dining options are limited past sun down, preventing students from enjoying a variety of options after breaking a religious fast, and

WHEREAS: On weekdays, Chick Fil A, Tu Taco, Subway, Canyon Cafe, and Starbucks are the only meal locations open until midnight, and

WHEREAS: On weekends, Subway, Canyon Cafe, and Starbucks are the only meal locations open until midnight, and

WHEREAS: In Fall Quarter of 2017, ASI administered a survey to a variety of religious groups and clubs on campus to get student feedback on their experience celebrating religious holidays on campus, and

WHEREAS: Of the 181 students surveyed, 57 students purchased religious holiday specific food off campus, while paying for a dining plan, and

WHEREAS: 37% of students surveyed, stated that they disagree or strongly disagree with the statement that “Cal Poly has reasonably fulfilled all of my religious dietary needs,” and

WHEREAS: 24% of students surveyed, stated that their student success was negatively impacted by a “Lack of access to on campus food that meets religious dietary requirements,” and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: In order to best support student success, The ASI Board of Directors, as the official voice of the students, recommend that the Cal Poly Corporation accommodate student religious holiday dietary needs, and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors recommend that the Cal Poly Corporation provides extended campus dining hours during times of religious fasting, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors recommend that the Cal Poly Corporation provide religious holiday specific food through dining services for those required to have a dining plan, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors urges Cal Poly Corporation to form yearly religious holiday accommodation focus groups and periodic surveys from religious groups on campus to best accommodate for the times of religious fasting and religious holiday specific foods, and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this resolution be sent to Jeffrey D. Armstrong, University President, Keith B. Humphrey, Vice President for Student Affairs, Lorlie Leetham, Executive Director for Cal Poly Corporation, and Spyros Gravas, Campus Dining Director.

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___________, 2018.

Attest: ________________________________
ASI Secretary

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this ____ day of _________2018.

Signed: ________________________________
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed: ________________________________
ASI President

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