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

WHEREAS: Cal Poly currently serves as the most expensive California public university for low-income students, costing $3,690 in additional fees per year even after implementation of the maximum financial aid package1, and

WHEREAS: A grant for low-income students is necessary, as Cal Poly has passed many fees over the years that did not include financial aid support, and

WHEREAS: The Cal Poly Office of Diversity and Inclusion is proposing a Cal Poly Opportunity Fee (CPOF) of $8,040 for each Non-Resident student per year at full implementation, and

WHEREAS: The Objective Statement states, “the primary purpose of the proposed [Cal Poly Opportunity Fee] is to provide increased access and retention of California low-income students by providing enhanced financial aid support through the Cal Poly Opportunity Grant Program,”1 and

WHEREAS: Ensuring low income students can attend and afford Cal Poly helps make sure that all possible students, regardless of income, are able to attend Cal Poly while fostering a more diverse community, and

WHEREAS: 42.5% of the CPOF would go to the proposed Cal Poly Opportunity Grant (CPOG) for low-income students, 21.25% would go to support services for students receiving the CPOG, 21.25% would go to Cal Poly, and 15% would go to the Chancellor’s office1, and

WHEREAS: While Cal Poly fees in the past have not designated a percentage of funds to the Cal Poly general fund or to the CSU Chancellor’s Office and instead all revenue was designated toward fee-specific goals, the current proposal designates 21.25% of CPOF revenue to the Cal Poly general fund and 15% to the CSU Chancellor’s Office, and

WHEREAS: Students already contribute to the Cal Poly General Fund through payment of tuition, and thus should not be required to pay additional money into the general fund through a fee designed and marketed as a source of support for low-income students, and

WHEREAS: While the CPOF is marketed as benefitting low-income Cal Poly students, these designations send a combined 36.25% of CPOF

funds to resources that do not specifically relate to CPOG recipients1, and

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: As the official voice of Cal Poly students, the ASI Board of Directors does not support the Cal Poly Opportunity Fee, and

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors does not support the proposed allocation of revenue from the CPOF to the Cal Poly General Fund and to the CSU Chancellor’s Office, and

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: This resolution be sent to Jeffrey D. Armstrong, University President, Jozi De Leon, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer, Keith Humphrey, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Gerrie Hatten, Executive Director of the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office.

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.

Attest: ____________________________
ASI Secretary

Signed: ____________________________
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed: ____________________________
ASI President

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