

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

Resolution #18-09

RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR EDMUND G.
BROWN Jr's PROPOSED 2018-19 BUDGET

- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serves as the official voice of over 21,000 students at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and
- WHEREAS: The California State University (CSU) is comprised of twenty-three campuses enrolling approximately 484,000 students, making the CSU the largest four-year public university system in the United States,¹ and
- WHEREAS: According to the 2017 California State University Fact Book:
- For every \$1 the state invests in the CSU, the CSU returns \$5.43;
 - The CSU creates and sustains more than 150,000 jobs in the state;
 - One in ten employees in California is a CSU graduate;
 - The CSU awards nearly half of the state's baccalaureates;¹ and
- WHEREAS: As the result of various state budget cuts over the past few decades, the CSU has undergone a series of tuition increases that have raised the cost of undergraduate attendance from \$1,428/year in 2001² to \$5,747/year in 2018,³ and
- WHEREAS: Governor Brown's 2017-18 Budget Plan underfunded the CSU, leading the CSU Board of Trustees to implement a system wide tuition increase of \$270/year for resident undergraduate students, \$312/year for resident students in credential programs, and \$438/year for resident graduate students,⁴ and
- WHEREAS: In response to Governor Brown's 2018-19 Budget Plan, the CSU Board of Trustees considered implementing another tuition increase for the 2018-19 academic year which, if implemented, would have imposed an increase of \$228/year for resident undergraduate students, \$264/year for resident students in credential programs, \$432/year for resident graduate or other post-baccalaureate programs; and
- WHEREAS: On April 20, 2018, CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White announced that the CSU Board of Trustees would not be implementing a tuition increase for the 2018-19 year, stating that it is in California's best interest for the state to provide sufficient funding for the

1 CSU Fact Book - <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/about-the-csu/facts-about-the-csu/Documents/facts2017.pdf>

2 CSU Budget - <http://www.calstate.edu/budget/fybudget/2012-2013/documentation/13-historical-suf-rates.shtml>

3 CSU Budget Student Fees - <http://www.calstate.edu/budget/student-fees/fee-rates/systemwide-history.shtml>

4 Governor's Budget Summary - <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2017-18/pdf/BudgetSummary/HigherEducation.pdf>

university's most pressing needs that support student access, achievement and degree completion across the 23 campus system,⁵ and

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED:

The ASI Board of Directors believes the future of California depends on the CSU's ability to provide a high-quality, affordable, and accessible education to thousands of students, and

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
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The ASI Board of Directors strongly urges Governor Brown to fully fund the CSU as proposed by the CSU Board of Trustees, and

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The ASI Board of Directors stands in support of California State Student Association's efforts to advocate for a fully-funded CSU, and

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In an effort to preserve access, quality and affordability of public higher education, the ASI Board of Directors urges Governor Brown, the California State Assembly, and the California State Senate to consider the value the CSU brings to California and invest in the CSU by seeking ways to fully fund higher education, and

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RESOLVED:

This Resolution is distributed to California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, California State Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins, California State Senate Majority Leader Bill Monning, California Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham, the California Legislature Committee on Higher Education, the California State Student Association President Elect, and 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 _____, 2018.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of
the Board of Directors at San Luis
Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students,
Inc. this ____ day of _____2018.

Attest:

ASI Secretary

Signed:
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:
ASI President

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