

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

Resolution #18-11

RESOLUTION TO DEFINE STUDENT SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- WHEREAS: Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors is the official voice of Cal Poly Students, and
- WHEREAS: Various entities on the Cal Poly campus have defined Student Success, it is pertinent that the ASI Board of Directors define this term through the student perspective, and
- WHEREAS: Student Success has become a term used frequently in higher education discussions with an emphasis on measurable milestones, such as graduation rates, GPA, and timeliness of degree completion, and
- WHEREAS: This can lead to the homogenization of students' experiences as these metrics do not consider programs and activities outside of the curriculum, and
- WHEREAS: The Statewide Academic Senate passed Resolution AS-3322-18/AA *Adoption: White Paper on Student Success*¹ on March 16, 2018 which recognizes that graduation rates and time taken to graduate should not be used as the primary dimension of Student Success, and
- WHEREAS: In May 2014, University President Jeffrey D. Armstrong released Vision 2022², a representation of what Cal Poly should look like by the year 2022, with one of four principles being Student Success, and
- WHEREAS: Cal Poly has been a leading California State University (CSU) in the Graduation Initiative 2025³, which utilizes Student Success as a guiding principle, and
- WHEREAS: In the 2016-17 Academic Year, the Cal Poly Academic Senate Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee defined Student Success in Resolution AS-840-17⁴ with the following definition: "*Student Success is the attainment of the foundational knowledge, skills, and understanding necessary to achieve a student's potential in academic, civic, career, intellectual, and social pursuits,*" and
- WHEREAS: The ASI Student Success Survey⁵ results from nearly 300 Cal Poly students, from a representative pool of colleges, during the 2017-2018 Academic Year indicated that the most important benchmarks of success as a student included "career success,"

1 Academic Senate Resolution AS-3322-18/AA (Rev)

2 Vision 2022 - <https://president.calpoly.edu/vision-2022-future-cal-poly>

3 Graduation Initiative 2022 - <https://provost.calpoly.edu/csu-graduation-initiative-2025>

4 Academic Senate Resolution AS-840-17 - <http://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1840&context=senateresolutions>

5 ASI Student Success Survey

“mastery of skills,” “academic opportunities,” and “breadth of knowledge,” and

WHEREAS: The definition of Student Success should provide incoming and current students with a clear, defined target for holistic and culminating development that considers the impact of programs and activities outside the academic curriculum of the college student experience, and

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: As the official voice of Cal Poly students, the ASI Board of Directors defines Student Success as: *“Student Success is the attainment of skills, knowledge, and academic opportunities complimented by personal wellness and co-curricular programs that allows students to strive towards career and personal pursuits,”* and

FURTHERMORE

BE IT

RESOLVED: The Academic Senate of Cal Poly acknowledge this definition as complementary to Resolution AS-840-17, and

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RESOLVED: The Statewide Academic Senate consider this definition in the facilitation and pursuit of Student Success pedagogy, and

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RESOLVED: As the representative body of the 23 CSU campuses for over 480,000 students, the California State Student Association (CSSA) should consider a working definition of Student Success, and

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RESOLVED: This resolution be sent to Jeffrey D. Armstrong, University President, Keith Humphrey, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dustin Stegner, Academic Senate Chair, Jim LoCascio, Statewide Academic Senator, Marcy Maloney, ASI Executive Director, and Mia Kagianas, CSSA President.

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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