

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

Resolution #19-05

ASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' STANCE ON CAMPUS DINING MEAL PLANS

- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serves as the official voice of students at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), San Luis Obispo, and
- WHEREAS: The goal of Campus Dining is “To proudly provide delicious experiences and value to our customers and to the campus community,”<sup>1</sup> and
- WHEREAS: First-year students living on campus are required to purchase a meal plan<sup>2</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: There are three campus dining meal plan options for the 2018-2019 academic year: The Mustang 180 Plan, the Mustang 150 Plan, and the All-Flex plan<sup>3</sup>, priced at \$5,161, \$4,985, and \$5,537**Error! Bookmark not defined.**, respectively, and
- WHEREAS: In Fall 2018, 56% of students reported they were either “dissatisfied” or “very dissatisfied” with the flexibility of dining plans, as compared to 27% of students in Fall 2017<sup>4</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: From Fall Quarter 2018 to Winter Quarter 2019, the Mustang 180 plan experienced a 69% decrease in customers while the All-Flex plan experienced a 60% increase in customers, despite a \$376 price difference<sup>4</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: Meal plans for the 2017-2018 academic year were exclusively declining balance, and
- WHEREAS: An exclusively declining balance meal plan allows for the highest flexibility of meal options across campus, and
- WHEREAS: The declining balance meal plan for 2018-2019 is both the most expensive and most desired option, and
- WHEREAS: On September 10, 2018, the Cal Poly Office of the President issued its draft 2018-2023 Strategic Plan in which Strategic Priority 3, Goal 3D states that Cal Poly is committed to “Further develop a campus climate that reflects the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as free inquiry and mutual respect,<sup>5</sup>” and

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1 Cal Poly Dining - About Us - <https://www.calpolydining.com/aboutus/>

2 Cal Poly Dining Programs - <https://www.calpolydining.com/diningprograms/freshman/>

3 The Mustang 180 Plan includes 180 meal credits and \$175 declining balance funds per quarter; the Mustang 150 Plan provides 150 meal credits and \$283 declining balance funds per quarter; the All-Flex Plan includes \$1,517 declining balance funds per quarter (Campus Dining Meal Plans - <https://www.calpolydining.com/diningprograms/freshman/>)

4 Campus Dining 2018 Q1 Executive Summary

5 Cal Poly Dining Programs/Handbook - <https://www.calpolydining.com/diningprograms/dining-plan-handbook/>

WHEREAS: Equity includes providing all students on campus equal opportunities, regardless of socioeconomic status.

THEREFORE  
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RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors strongly urges Cal Poly Corporation to increase its efforts to achieve Strategic Priority 3 by continuing to offer exclusively declining balance meal plans at an affordable price, and

FURTHERMORE  
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RESOLVED: In the event that Campus Dining Plans switch back to a meal credit system, the ASI Board of Directors strongly urges Cal Poly Corporation to allow meal credits to be used for purchasing items at every on-campus venue every day of the week, and

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RESOLVED: This resolution be sent to Jeffrey D. Armstrong, University President, Lorie Leetham, Cal Poly Corporation Executive Director, and Thomas Visvikis, Director of Campus Dining.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

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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