

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

Resolution #06-07

**RE-INVEST IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY:
SUPPORT CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE**

- WHEREAS: Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) is the official voice of Cal Poly students, and
- WHEREAS: The California State University (CSU) boasts 23 campuses, 405,000 students, and 44,000 faculty and staff, making it the largest, most diverse public university system in the nation, and
- WHEREAS: The mission of the California State University is:
- To provide opportunities for individuals to develop intellectually, personally, and professionally.
 - To prepare significant numbers of educated, responsible people to contribute to California's schools, economy, culture, and future.
 - To encourage and provide access to an excellent education to all who are prepared for and wish to participate in collegiate study.
 - To advance and extend knowledge, learning, and culture, especially throughout California.
 - To offer undergraduate and graduate instruction leading to Bachelor's and higher degrees in the liberal arts and sciences, the applied fields, and the professions, including the doctoral degree when authorized.
 - To prepare students for an international, multi-cultural society.
 - To provide public services that enrich the university and its communities, and
- WHEREAS: The CSU leads the nation in providing education to minority students; of the California Bachelor's Degrees granted to African American, Latino, and Native American populations, the CSU awards more than 50 percent, and
- WHEREAS: The CSU provides more than 80 percent of California's college degrees in criminal justice, education, social work and public administration and over 50% in business, agricultural business, communications, and engineering; careers that are critical to the state's continued success, and
- WHEREAS: CSU students actively contribute to the collective quality of the life in the state, serving nearly 30 million hours of community service annually, developing lifelong values of service and leadership, and
- WHEREAS: 'Working for California: The Impact of the California State University' report found that each dollar invested by legislature into higher education reaps a return of \$4.41, making the CSU system a lucrative long-term investment for the State of California, and
- WHEREAS: Historically, student fees matched 1 dollar for every 5 dollars of state funding, however today the expected student contribution has doubled to approximately 40% of total CSU funding, and
- WHEREAS: CSU student fees have increased 76% in the past four years, and

WHEREAS: Because of eligibility restrictions and lack of funding for the Cal Grant program, 114,000 financially needy students who were eligible were denied Cal Grant funding.

THEREFORE
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RESOLVED: ASI, Cal Poly supports of the re-investment of public funds into higher education to benefit from the immense value of the CSU system to the people, public and private institutions, and

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RESOLVED: ASI, Cal Poly urges the state legislature to make educational funding a priority by restoring the necessary funding to the California State University system for its immediate budget needs, and

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RESOLVED: ASI, Cal Poly supports Governor Schwarzenegger's budget proposal to increase funding to the CSU, offsetting the proposed 8% fee increase approved by the CSU Board of Trustees, and

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RESOLVED: ASI, Cal Poly is committed to continue our support for the long-term re-investment of public funds into higher education and the California State University system.

CERTIFIED as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the Associated Students, Inc. this 25th day of January, 2006.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by unanimous vote on January 25, 2006.

ASI Secretary

ASI Chair of the Board

ASI President

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