

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

Resolution #06- 13

ASI Supports the Cal Poly Science Center

- WHEREAS: Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) is the official voice of Cal Poly students, and
- WHEREAS: ASI is supportive of the Cal Poly Master Plan, and
- WHEREAS: Cal Poly Master Plan calls for a new multi-story Science Center to replace the outdated Science Building 52; this will provide additional lab and instructional space, as well as faculty offices, to support our strong polytechnic curriculum and our “Learn by Doing” philosophy, and
- WHEREAS: Without expanding current science facilities, Cal Poly cannot reach enrollment targets for students in Science, Agriculture, Architecture, and Engineering, and
- WHEREAS: The new Science Center is scheduled to be included in the upcoming California Public Infrastructure Bond Initiative and is a top priority for the CSU Chancellor's Office recommendations for new construction, and
- WHEREAS: The Legislative Analyst’s Office has recommended the deletion of this funding for this project stating the following reasons:
- The new building only provides a small amount of instructional space, space for 66 additional Full-Time Equivalent students and 11 faculty offices
 - The building can be renovated instead of building an entirely new structure
 - The proposal includes elements not directly related to the project, and
- WHEREAS: In response to the Legislative Analyst’s Office’s report, ASI is in consensus with the University on the following response to their concerns:
- Science is at the core of the Cal Poly curriculum and every student is required to take classes which would be provided in the new Science Center; therefore, while the new Science Center would only provide 66 Full-Time Equivalent Student spaces according to state funding formulas, the supplemental benefit to the campus is equal to 300 Full-Time Equivalent Students campus-wide
 - The current science building is too out-of-date to remodel; the total cost of remodeling would be \$106 million, \$20 million more than building a new facility; if the building was simply remodeled, it would not meet several safety codes, including, but not limited to: liquid waste disposal, American Disability Act, and heating and ventilation codes.
 - The plans call for an extension of the heating and cooling loop currently used in other parts of the campus; this is not directly related to the project, however, it is more cost effective to extend the current loop to include the Science Center than to build a stand alone system for this building only.

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED: ASI supports the inclusion of the Science Center in the upcoming Infrastructure Bond Initiative, and

FURTHERMORE

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RESOLVED: ASI is committed to advocating for the continuation of the construction of the new Science Center, and

FURTHERMORE

BE IT RESOLVED: ASI strongly encourages our legislature to maintain funding to the Cal Poly Science Center in the upcoming Infrastructure Bond Initiative.

CERTIFIED as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the Associated Students, Inc. this 3rd day of May, 2006.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by unanimous vote on May 3, 2006.

ASI Secretary

ASI Chair of the Board

ASI President

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