

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

Resolution #06-14

ASI STANCE ON CSSA MEMBERSHIP

- WHEREAS: Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) is the official voice of Cal Poly students, and
- WHEREAS: The California State Student Association (CSSA) is the single recognized voice for more than 405,000 California State University (CSU) students; is recognized by the CSU Chancellor's office, CSU Board of Trustees and California (CA) State Legislature; proclaims the mission to maintain and enhance accessibility to quality education for the people of California to the people's university; and proclaims the purpose to foster and coordinate communication among campus student associations, as well as address campus and statewide issues affecting the CSU system, and
- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors has withheld annual membership dues from the CSSA consistently for 20 years, with the exception of FY 2000 - 2001, however during the past two academic years ASI has participated actively in the CSSA in part to further common interest in policy initiatives and to once again evaluate the merit of paying dues, and
- WHEREAS: Active participation has created several benefits to ASI and Cal Poly students including increased influence in statewide issues, increased access to information regarding CA legislative and CSU policy issues, increased access to training resources and increased opportunities to network and collaborate with student government colleagues within the other 22 CSU campuses, and
- WHEREAS: Active participation has not succeeded in eliminating longstanding concerns about the value of investing in the CSSA due to remaining uncertainties about *current* organizational stability and progress, internal review and accountability processes, professionalism, inclusiveness and appropriate use of campus dues revenue, and
- WHEREAS: These reservations currently prevent ASI from confidently investing in the CSSA by paying annual dues, but do not preclude ASI from investing in future years.

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED: ASI will not pay dues for FY 2006/07, and

FURTHERMORE

BE IT RESOLVED: Areas in which we would hope to see clear improvement in order to re-evaluate our decision regarding dues are: increased level of professionalism; ensuring an inclusive, transparent and accountable process by which decisions are made; transparent internal assessment and review; clarification of standing rules and procedures for introducing legislation; increased emphasis on strategic planning; and increased focus on facilitating broad participation by all campus delegates, and

FURTHERMORE

BE IT RESOLVED: Notwithstanding the decision regarding payment of dues, ASI supports the mission and purpose of the CSSA, statewide advocacy remains a priority for ASI and we continue to support and encourage active participation in the association to ensure Cal Poly is represented at the statewide level, and

FURTHERMORE

BE IT RESOLVED: We are committed to participating in the continued organizational development of the CSSA and we encourage future ASI Presidents to consider the sentiment of this resolution when re-evaluating whether to bring the decision to pay dues before the Board of Directors per bill #05-02.

CERTIFIED as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the Associated Students, Inc. this 31st day of May, 2006.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by unanimous vote on May 31, 2006.

ASI Secretary

ASI Chair of the Board

ASI President

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