

Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic University
San Luis Obispo

Resolution #01- 10
ASI STANCE ON INCREASED CLASS SIZE

- WHEREAS: Associated Students Incorporated is the voice of the Cal Poly Student Body; and
- WHEREAS: Increased student enrollment from Tidal Wave II is inevitable; and
- WHEREAS: Cal Poly is planning to increase enrollment by 800 students for the academic year of 2001-02, and continue to increase student enrollment over the next ten years to reach a total of as much as 3,000 additional students; and
- WHEREAS: A proposed solution to ensure the availability of a higher education to an increased student enrollment at Cal Poly is to offer large lecture classes; and
- WHEREAS: Academic Senate Resolution 524-99 Resolved Clause #1 states, “That enrollment growth at Cal Poly should not adversely affect academic quality;” and
- WHEREAS: The Cal Poly Strategic Plan, section 4 states, “Student satisfaction at Cal Poly is enhanced by the ambiance of a small university setting, low student to faculty ratios ...;” and
- WHEREAS: Class size increases will adversely affect the student’s education in regards to:
- Lessening or eliminating the writing components of some if not all writing intensive courses,
 - Leaving the students short-changed in having their work assessed with adequate feedback.
 - Degrading the interaction between students and faculty in regard to in-class ratios and out-of-class faculty availability.
- THEREFORE
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RESOLVED: ASI believes that increased class sizes will negatively affect both students and faculty and will also have an adverse impact on the current level of education at Cal Poly; and
- FURTHERMORE
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RESOLVED: ASI urges the university to consider the precedence set by the proposed solution of increased class size and its effect on Cal Poly’s academic integrity in subsequent years.
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RESOLVED: ASI recognizes the importance of class availability for degree completion, yet recommends that Cal Poly not sacrifice the current quality of education or erode the tradition of a distinct Cal Poly learning experience.

FURTHERMORE

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RESOLVED: ASI recommends that the university consider alternative solutions for current and future enrollment increases.

CERTIFIED as true
and correct copy, in witness
thereof, I have set my hand and
seal of the Associated Students, Inc.,
this 30th day of *May 2001* .

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of
Board of Directors by a *unanimous*
vote on May 30, 2001.

Liberty Lewis
Secretary, ASI Board of Directors

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Chair, ASI Board of Directors

Samuel Aborne
ASI President

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