

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

Resolution #18-04

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DINING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS
HOLIDAYS

- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serves as the official voice of students at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), and
- WHEREAS: Cal Poly's goal is to foster student personal and academic development by supporting and accommodating their diverse backgrounds, and
- WHEREAS: Since freshmen living on campus are required to have a dining plan, dining services is responsible for filling dietary needs of students, including potential religious holiday needs, and
- WHEREAS: Previously, campus dining has not offered food specific to religious holidays prior to, and during the time of the holiday, and
- WHEREAS: Current dining options are limited past sun down, preventing students from enjoying a variety of options after breaking a religious fast, and
- WHEREAS: On weekdays, Chick Fil A, Tu Taco, Subway, Canyon Cafe, and Starbucks are the only meal locations open until midnight, and
- WHEREAS: On weekends, Subway, Canyon Cafe, and Starbucks are the only meal locations open until midnight, and
- WHEREAS: In Fall Quarter of 2017, ASI administered a survey to a variety of religious groups and clubs on campus to get student feedback on their experience celebrating religious holidays on campus, and
- WHEREAS: Of the 181 students surveyed, 57 students purchased religious holiday specific food off campus, while paying for a dining plan, and
- WHEREAS: 37% of students surveyed, stated that they disagree or strongly disagree with the statement that "Cal Poly has reasonably fulfilled all of my religious dietary needs," and
- WHEREAS: 24% of students surveyed, stated that their student success was negatively impacted by a "Lack of access to on campus food that meets religious dietary requirements," and
- THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: In order to best support student success, The ASI Board of Directors, as the official voice of the students, recommend that the Cal Poly Corporation accommodate student religious holiday dietary needs, and

THEREFORE
BE IT

RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors recommend that the Cal Poly Corporation provides extended campus dining hours during times of religious fasting, and

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BE IT

RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors recommend that the Cal Poly Corporation provide religious holiday specific food through dining services for those required to have a dining plan, and

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BE IT

RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors urges Cal Poly Corporation to form yearly religious holiday accommodation focus groups and periodic surveys from religious groups on campus to best accommodate for the times of religious fasting and religious holiday specific foods, and

FURTHERMORE
BE IT

RESOLVED: That this resolution be sent to Jeffrey D. Armstrong, University President, Keith B. Humphrey, Vice President for Student Affairs, Lorie Leetham, Executive Director for Cal Poly Corporation, and Spyros Gravas, Campus Dining Director.

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 _____, 2018.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this _____ day of _____ 2018.

Attest:

ASI Secretary

Signed:
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:
ASI President

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