

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

Resolution #19-09

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SAFER'S MISSION, SURVIVOR SERVICES, AND
CAMPUS SAFETY

- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serves as the official voice of students at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), San Luis Obispo; and
- WHEREAS: As referenced in Resolution #18-11, the ASI Board of Directors defines student success as “the attainment of skills, knowledge, and academic opportunities complimented by personal wellness and co-curricular programs that allows students to strive towards career and personal pursuits,” and
- WHEREAS: ASI is committed to Resolution #04-12 and Resolution #05-11, taking a strong stance in supporting gender equity, campus safety, and student awareness of these topics; and
- WHEREAS: Safer is Cal Poly’s “confidential advocacy, education and support resource for addressing sexual assault, sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking;”¹ and
- WHEREAS: Safer provides crisis services, along with education and outreach initiatives for the entire campus community; and
- WHEREAS: Safer is an entity that seeks to remedy the harm done unto survivors with respect to due process and rights of all involved parties; and
- WHEREAS: In 2019, the Department of Education made changes to Title IX, of which directly impacts survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence at Cal Poly; and
- WHEREAS: Changing Our Campus, an online resource to address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking supported by the Department of Justice, reports that 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted in college,² and
- WHEREAS: In 2016-17, Safer had a 45% increase in utilization of service by students, faculty, and staff, reached 10,850 students and 415 staff and faculty, and assisted in 44 Title IX reporting’s.³

1 Cal Poly Safer - <https://safer.calpoly.edu/>

2 2016-17 Safer Annual Report - <https://safer.calpoly.edu/what-is-safer>

3 Changing Our Campus - <http://changingourcampus.org/>

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED: ASI encourages the Cal Poly Administration to increase funding directed towards Safer to further assist in their work in advocacy, education, and student support for survivors; and

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RESOLVED: ASI understands the importance of believing and supporting those who courageously share their experiences; and

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RESOLVED: ASI encourages all Cal Poly entities and organizations to take an active stance in supporting Safer and survivors of intimate partner violence; and

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RESOLVED: ASI is committed to the long-term support of Safer, its services, and the students it serves through collaboration with Safer, participation in trainings, and alignment with its values; and

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RESOLVED: If approved, this Resolution will be sent to University President Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Vice President for Student Affairs Keith Humphrey, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Health and Well Being Tina Hadaway-Mellis, and Assistant Director of Wellbeing Kara Samaniego.

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 _____, 2019.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this ____ day of _____ 2019.

Attest:

ASI Secretary

Signed:
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:
ASI President

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