

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

Resolution #20-06

RESOLUTION FOR CAL POLY CORPORATION TO MOVE TO A ROLL OVER
DONATION MODEL

- 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: Students who experience food insecurity report worse physical health, mental health, and lower GPAs in comparison to their food secure peers¹; and
- WHEREAS: On a whole, 41.6% of CSU students report food insecurity²; and
- WHEREAS: According to the Cal Poly Basic Needs Task Force Report of Fall 2018, 27% of Cal Poly students experience food insecurity³; and
- WHEREAS: These problems impact thousands of Cal Poly students, disproportionately affecting first-generation college students, students of color, and students from lower socio-economic backgrounds⁴; and
- WHEREAS: In the interest of achieving CSU Graduation Initiative 2025, Cal Poly has recognized that students should have university-wide support in reaching graduation⁵; and
- WHEREAS: Cal Poly is still one of nineteen CSU campuses who have yet to recognize food security issues as part of their short- or long-term Graduation initiative plans⁶; and
- WHEREAS: While Cal Poly has created initiatives on campus, partnering with both students and Cal Poly Corporation to increase access to basic needs, the preexisting programs lack financial support from the University⁷; and
- WHEREAS: For example, programs such as Mustang Meal Share exist to ensure students have access to nutritious meals through a partnership with Cal Poly Corporation in which students are eligible to donate their declining balance from their campus meal plans⁸; and

1 Cal Poly Basic Needs Task Force Report Fall 2018 - <https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/basicneeds/1/images/2018%20Basic%20Needs%20Report.pdf>

2 Study of Student Basic Needs January 2018 - https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/student-success/basic-needs-initiative/Documents/BasicNeedsStudy_phaseII_withAccessibilityComments.pdf

3 Ibid.

4 Cal Poly Basic Needs Task Force Report Fall 2018 - <https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/basicneeds/1/images/2018%20Basic%20Needs%20Report.pdf>

5 Graduation Initiative 2025 Student Symposium - <https://provost.calpoly.edu/csu-graduation-initiative-2025>

6 Cal Poly Basic Needs Task Force Report Fall 2018 - <https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/basicneeds/1/images/2018%20Basic%20Needs%20Report.pdf>

7 Ibid.

8 Mustang Meal Share - <https://www.calpolydining.com/diningprograms/mustangmealshare/>

WHEREAS: Within the 2018-2019 school year only 11,902 meals were donated to the Mustang Meal Share Program -- yet the goal was 20,000⁹; and

WHEREAS: In order to adequately fund the program, Cal Poly Corporation made a one-time donation of roughly \$60,000¹⁰; and

WHEREAS: Because external donations, such as Cal Poly Corporation's, are neither recurring nor guaranteed, the current donation model is too restrictive and understaffed to encourage students to fully fund the program; and

WHEREAS: With less than a dozen members and no institutional support, the method for collecting donations through Swipe Out Hunger is understaffed and under supported¹¹; and

WHEREAS: A policy change allowing for donation roll over would benefit all stakeholders on campus: volunteers experience less pressure to collect donations and students can choose to save their declining balance until spring; and

WHEREAS: This proposed donation roll over policy is consistent with the current roll over policy for student meal plans in which unused declining balance rolls over to the next quarter with remaining funds at the end of spring quarter being forfeited¹²

THEREFORE
BE IT

RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors hereby urges Cal Poly Corporation to modify the donation policy for Mustang Meal Share to allow for donation limits to roll over on a quarterly basis in an effort to better support food insecure students on campus; and

FURTHERMORE
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RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors encourages Cal Poly stakeholders, including ASI, to critically evaluate the effectiveness of existing basic needs programs and refine such programs to ensure methodical, comprehensive support for basic needs on campus; and

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RESOLVED: This resolution be sent to University President Jeffery D. Armstrong, Cal Poly Corporation Executive Director Lorlie Leetham, Associate Executive Director Andrea Burns, Associate Dean of Students for Student Support, Success and Retention Joy M. Pedersen, Senior Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon, Director of Wellbeing

9 Associate Dean of Students

10 Ibid.

11 Swipe Out Hunger President

12 First-Year Student Dining Plans - <https://www.calpolydining.com/diningprograms/freshman/>

and Health Education Genie Kim, and Vice President for Student Affairs Keith Humphrey.

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 30th day of April, 2020.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this 29th day of April, 2020.

Attest:

Signed:

ASI Secretary

Signed:

ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:

ASI President

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