

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

Resolution #24-03

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN EXPANSION OF THE PHYSICAL SPACE
ALLOCATED TO THE CAL POLY TRANSFER CENTER

- 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: The Transfer Center on the Cal Poly Campus serves as a key source of support for transfer students in that it focuses on “Empowering and supporting transfer students to succeed and thrive at Cal Poly while advancing institutional support for transfer students,”¹
- WHEREAS: In spring of 2023, there were 1,972 enrolled transfer students at Cal Poly of the 21,190 total enrolled students on Campus², and
- WHEREAS: Today, this means almost 1 of every 10 students on campus are classified as a transfer student³, and
- WHEREAS: The Transfer Center has a physical space in Building 52 (Science) Room E 30 that can hold up to 17 students at a given time, excluding 2 student assistants⁴, and
- WHEREAS: The room’s capacity, 17 students, is less than 0.01% of the population of transfer student population at Cal Poly⁵, and
- WHEREAS: The Transfer Center typically experiences high traffic between 10 AM – 2 PM, with 27 average sign-ins of transfer students which often exceeds the 17-person capacity during these times, according to data from Winter quarter 2024⁶, and
- WHEREAS: The Transfer Center has missed opportunities to collaborate with centers due to its limited physical space which can only hold up to 17 people⁷, and
- WHEREAS: In the case of events organized outside the transfer center, there have been turnouts ranging from 40 to 150 transfer students⁸, and
- WHEREAS: Prior to its closure, the Kennedy Library was a location on the Cal Poly Campus that aims to serve as a physical space for all Cal Poly students to study amongst accessing other university services⁹, and

1 Transfer Center Website: <https://transfercenter.calpoly.edu/>

2 About Cal Poly Transfers: <https://transfercenter.calpoly.edu/about-cal-poly-transfers>

3 About Cal Poly Transfers: <https://transfercenter.calpoly.edu/about-cal-poly-transfers>

4 Confirmed by Ron Skamfer, ASI Director-Facilities Management

5 About Cal Poly Transfers: <https://transfercenter.calpoly.edu/about-cal-poly-transfers>

6 Transfer Center Sign-In Data

7 Personal Testimony from Transfer Center Student Assistant Hailey Fletcher

8 Transfer Center Annual Report 2021 – 2022, page 13: <https://content-calpoly->

[edu.s3.amazonaws.com/transfercenter/1/documents/Transfer%20Center%20Annual%20Report%202021%20-%202022.pdf](https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/transfercenter/1/documents/Transfer%20Center%20Annual%20Report%202021%20-%202022.pdf)

9 Kennedy Library Vision and Values: <https://lib.calpoly.edu/about-and-contact/vision-values/>

WHEREAS: The Kennedy Library closed for renovations on Friday, June 16, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. before the Summer Quarter of 2023 with a scheduled reopening in the Fall Quarter of 2025¹⁰, and

WHEREAS: The Association of Transfer Students (ATS) is a social club at Cal Poly that helps transfer students build community and make their transition to Cal Poly as fun and easy as possible. ATS does this through planning engaging events to bring transfer students together, get people talking, and providing guidance for the academic and social well-being of transfer students¹¹, and

WHEREAS: As of February 28, 2024, ATS has 142 members; these members partake in events that the ATS hosts and amongst these events are the ATS's General Club Meetings and the ATS's Weekend Study Spaces which were both held in the Transfer Center physical space¹², and

WHEREAS: Weekend Study Spaces were an event series run by the ATS every Saturday and Sunday at the Transfer Center physical space to motivate and facilitate transfer students' study habits through the weekend¹³, and

WHEREAS: The Center for Military-Connected Students (CMCS) has relocated its physical space from Building 52 (Science) Room E4 to the North side of Building 58, near Cal Poly University police, as of May 2023¹⁴¹⁵, and

WHEREAS: There are staff and faculty being relocated to the Mustang Business Park from areas in the Center of the Cal Poly campus¹⁶, and

WHEREAS: Upon collaboration with the ASI Board of Directors, individuals and groups on campus may seek out help to advocate for change through the resolution writing process¹⁷, and

WHEREAS: Space on campus is limited for multiple groups, the Transfer Center has taken the initiative to seek out ASI Board of Directors' help in advocating for the expansion of the physical space of the Transfer Center, and

10 Kennedy Library Renovation: <https://afd.calpoly.edu/facilities/planning-capital-projects/project-news/kennedy-library/>

11 Association of Transfer Students Website: <https://cptransfers.weebly.com/about-us.html>

12 Association of Transfer Students' Roster: <https://now.calpoly.edu/organization/ats/roster>

13 Association of Transfer Students Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/p/CnnT4pIPdWe/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA%3D%3D

14 'This is Their Space.' New Center Expands Services for Military-Connected Students: <https://www.calpoly.edu/news/their-space-new-center-expands-services-military-connected-students>

15 CMCS Notice of Relocation: <https://militaryconnected.calpoly.edu/>

16 Space Optimization - Facilities Management & Development - Cal Poly: <https://afd.calpoly.edu/facilities/planning-capital-projects/project-news/space-optimization/>

17 Resolution #23-04: https://www.asi.calpoly.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/23-04-Resolution-in-Support-of-a-Cal-Poly-Disability-Cultural-Program_BODappr.pdf

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED:

The Transfer Center does not have the capacity to accommodate more than 17 transfer students who will need a physical space to study during the renovation of the Kennedy Library, and

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED:

To better accommodate the needs and serve as a sanctuary for all transfer students on the Cal Poly Campus, the ASI Board of Directors urges for the expansion or the reallocation of the Transfer Center into a bigger physical space central to campus for the betterment of transfer students at Cal Poly; and

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED:

As the campus engages in future space planning with many areas moving to the Business Park and the future Student Success Building, that an appropriately sized space be identified by the Space Committee in collaboration with campus administration and facilities management that is central to campus for the expanding transfer center student population; and

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED:

There are many transfer students enthusiastic about transfer-centric events that cannot attend due to the physical space constraint, and the lack of a larger physical space hinders the potential of community that could be built between more transfers out there on campus who need the services offered by the Transfer Center, and

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED:

Only with the space constraint resolved will the Transfer Center be able to provide more services to transfer students including:

More computers, private space to host zoom interviews, space for study groups, room to set aside for events, space for lockers for transfer students who commute, space to have private academic coaching sessions, and weekend study spaces; and

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED:

This resolution be sent to University President Jeffery D. Armstrong, Vice President for Student Affairs Keith Humphrey; Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Diversity, and Inclusion Jamie S. Patton; Assistant Vice Provost of University Advising, Beth Merritt Miller; Dean of Students, Dr. Joy Pederson; Provost Cynthia Elmore; and Associate Director Space Optimization, Ted Ludwick.

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 24 day of April, 2024.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this 24 day of April 2024.

Attest:

ASI Secretary

Signed:
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:
ASI President

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