

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

**Resolution #25-02**

**Resolution in Support of Increased Lighting and Safety Infrastructure on Campus**

- WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors is the official voice of students at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), and
- WHEREAS: the 2023 Cal Poly Grad Exit Survey lacks quantified information about student sense of safety walking alone on campus at night<sup>1</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: the 2023 Cal Poly Grad Exit Survey asks, “Did any specific physical locations feel unsafe” with common responses as “Anywhere after dark,” “dimly lit/dark neighborhoods,” and “the walk from Poly Canyon Village (PCV) to campus core (facilities south of North Perimeter Road and west of South Perimeter Road)”<sup>2</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: the ASI Lighting and Safety Survey received 105 responses soliciting feedback on Campus lighting and safety<sup>3</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: 58% of respondents indicate they avoid certain pathways at night due to lighting both in a group and when alone<sup>4</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: only 9% of students use the Rave Guardian App and 24% were not aware of the app<sup>5</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: the Pathway to PCV from the Plant Conservatory or otherwise known as the walk from PCV to campus core received the most at 64 responses for the area that could be improved with increased lighting<sup>6</sup>, and

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1 2023 Grad Exit Survey Results (safety)

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- WHEREAS: ASI Board of Directors Resolution #17-04 affirms student support and need for increased lighting in surrounding neighborhoods<sup>7</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: increased pedestrian lighting creates a sense of public safety, and security, reduces fear at night<sup>8</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: Cal Poly students live and study on the Cal Poly campus and deserve a sense of security in areas they must travel after dark, and
- WHEREAS: 16,019 Cal Poly students were enrolled in in-person and in-person hybrid lectures, seminars, discussions, independent study, and activities during Winter Quarter 2024 that started at or after 4:00 PM and had an end time of before or at 6:00 PM, excluding classes that start at or after 5:00 PM and end at or before 6:00 PM, and <sup>9</sup>
- WHEREAS: 5,552 Cal Poly students were enrolled in labs in Winter Quarter 2024 with a start time of at least 3:00 PM and ended before or at 6:00 PM, excluding labs that start at or after 5:00 PM, and <sup>10</sup>
- WHEREAS: The sun sets in San Luis Obispo between 4:50 and 6:04 PM between the months of December through March prior to the shift of time due to the beginning of Daylight-Saving Time<sup>11</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: Members of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design work in their laboratories (studios) located around Dexter Lawn, and
- WHEREAS: Members of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design have 24-hour access to the studios<sup>12</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: There are no Blue Light Emergency Phones within reasonable line of sight from either Building 5 - Architecture, Building 3 - Business, or Dexter Lawn<sup>13</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: “Tips for Help Point Placement” by public safety company and blue light Help Point manufacturer Code Blue affirms “a good rule of thumb is ‘line of sight,’ meaning you can spot the next Help Point while standing at another”<sup>14</sup>, and
- WHEREAS: Current basic blue light maintenance is about \$1500/year in total<sup>15</sup>, and

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7 17-04 Resolution Neighborhood Lighting

8 [https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169204696003118?ref=pdf\\_download&fr=RR-2&rr=90949c43394d15b2](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169204696003118?ref=pdf_download&fr=RR-2&rr=90949c43394d15b2)

9 ASI\_Data - Resolution Copy.xlsx

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11 <https://www.timeanddate.com/sun/usa/san-luis-obispo>

12 <https://www.instagram.com/p/DBrR829fyf/>

13 <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1miNWWMMTucWjh2qRCRmRphsuQ-MPtAD&ll=35.30482445791719%2C-120.66617449999998&z=15>

14 mk-201\_Blue\_Light\_Placement\_Flyer

15 Blue Light Email

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RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors urges existing light posts are refitted with newer and brighter LED light bulbs in a manner consistent with lighting standards set by the United States Federal Highway Administration<sup>16</sup>, and

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RESOLVED: The Campus Safety Night Walk should take place twice a year during the academic calendar, preferably preceding seasonal time changes in collaboration with ASI Student Government to identify areas on campus that may be improved with lighting, and

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RESOLVED: The ASI Secretary of Accessibility, or other secretary designated by the ASI President, shall lead Student Government efforts in hosting the Campus Safety Night Walk in collaboration with Facilities Management and Development and Cal Poly Police Department, and

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RESOLVED: Facilities Management and Development should work to address any substantial dark areas or areas of safety risk identified by the Safety Night Walk by the time the next walk takes place, and

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RESOLVED: The Blue Light Emergency Phones are installed by Facilities Management and Development in the following high priority areas: Dexter Lawn, Building 5 -Architecture, Highland Drive, and Building 3-Business for times when cell service or internet are not sufficient, and

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RESOLVED: Additional Blue Light Emergency Phones are installed in a manner consistent with the “line of sight” rule of thumb, so students can spot a Blue Light Emergency Phone while standing next to one, and

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RESOLVED: Facilities Management and Development prioritizes the improvement of lighting from PCV to campus core, Campus Market, along California Boulevard, Highland Drive, and behind the Cal Poly Recreation Center where applicable, including the improvement of lighting immediately off any walkways, illuminating the vegetation adjacent to the walkway, and

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RESOLVED: Any new lighting posts shall be designed and installed in a manner that is consistent with mitigating sky glow, otherwise light pollution, and

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RESOLVED: Cal Poly Police and Student Affairs increase awareness of the Rave Safety Guardian App or equivalent successor including a potential campaign to get students to use the app with collaboration with the ASI Secretary of Accessibility or secretary designated by the ASI President, and

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RESOLVED: This resolution will be sent to Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Capital Projects Anthony Palazzo, Executive Director Customer Business Services Casie Hill, Vice President of Public Safety George Hughes, President Jeffery D. Armstrong, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Cynthia Vizcaíno Villa, ASI Executive Director Michelle Crawford.

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 10 day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. on 5 day of March, 2025.

Attest:

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Signed:  
ASI Chair of the Board

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Signed:  
ASI President

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