

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

Resolution #25-05

ASI Board of Directors Calls for an Extension of Health Center Hours

- 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: Executive Order 943 states, Health Services must provide basic student health services to all matriculated students who have paid the appropriate mandatory Student Health Services Fee, with no additional visit fees or in-house lab charges, ensuring accessible and affordable healthcare for students without requiring private insurance¹, and
- WHEREAS: The Cal Poly Pharmacy offers prescription medications at prices equal to or lower than most insurance co-payments, and over-the-counter medications at significantly reduced prices — often 50% or more below retail — making it the most financially viable option for students², and
- WHEREAS: Some insurance plans have additional out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles, copayments, and premiums that can greatly exceed the expenses associated with utilizing the Campus Health Center³, even for students with medical insurance, and
- WHEREAS: The closest medical centers to campus are affiliated with Dignity and Adventist Health networks and primarily accept PPO insurance plans, which may be inaccessible to some students resulting in significantly higher out-of-pocket costs,⁴ and
- WHEREAS: The current operating hours of Campus Health and Wellbeing services are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.⁵, and
- WHEREAS: Campus Administrative Policy 282 states: facility limitations make it necessary for each department to schedule 50% of lecture and laboratory sections within the hours of 9 a.m. – 3

1 Executive Order 943: Policy on University Health Services

2 Pharmacy Information: Campus Health and Wellbeing

3 How to Pick a Health Insurance Plan: Healthcare.gov

4 Insurance Plan Information

5 Campus Health and Wellbeing Homepage

p.m.⁶ with the remaining scheduled outside of this timeframe, meaning many students have academic commitments that encompass the entirety of the Health Center's operating hours, and

- WHEREAS: One of the four pillars of the Health Center Strategic Plan is to "Embed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) in All We Do," with a specific goal to improve both physical and digital accessibility to create a more welcoming environment⁷, and
- WHEREAS: University Housing currently provides residence to more than 8,000 students⁸, and
- WHEREAS: The Cal Poly 10-year Future Housing Plan will add about 4,000 additional beds to campus housing by 2030, increasing the number of students on campus to more than 12,000⁹, and
- WHEREAS: The expansion of Cal Poly Health Services to include additional hours on evenings and weekends would allow students who live on campus to access care in a familiar environment, and
- WHEREAS: When new construction is complete, all second-year students will be able to live on campus, the majority of which will not have access to personal vehicles to travel to receive off-campus medical care, and
- WHEREAS: The Cal Poly Health Center is the closest resource to receive care for students living on campus in the residence halls, with the closest off-campus clinics and pharmacies being over twice the walking distance away or more from the residence halls¹⁰, and
- WHEREAS: During the 2023-2024 academic year, the Health Center conducted over 30,500 health appointments and filled approximately 9,800 prescriptions¹¹, demonstrating strong demand for campus health services even within limited operating hours, and

6 Chapter 200: Academic Affairs, University Scheduling

7 Campus Health and Wellbeing Strategic Plan

8 <https://catalog.calpoly.edu/academicsupportandcampuslife/campuslife/universityhousing/>

9 University Housing: The Future of Cal Poly Housing

10 Walking Distance Information

11 Food Pantry and Campus Health and Wellbeing Slideshow Presentation, Board of Directors Meeting #25-09

WHEREAS: Expanding Health Center hours would likely not result in additional student fees and could be achieved through reallocating existing funding¹², and

WHEREAS: Several other Health Centers across the nation, such as the University of Colorado, Boulder, have implemented a partnership with a local health center to provide discounted medical services to students on weekends, presenting an alternative model for expanding access to care while keeping costs reasonable and meeting student needs¹³.

THEREFORE
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RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors urgently calls on Campus Health and Wellbeing to extend its operating hours to better accommodate growing student demand within the next five years; and

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RESOLVED: Priority should be given to expanding evening and weekend hours to ensure accessibility for students with academic and work commitments during the current Health Center Operating Hours during the week; and

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RESOLVED: Campus Health and Wellbeing should explore partnerships with local medical providers to offer discounted services for Cal Poly students who are unable to access on-campus healthcare during operating hours or who may live closer to off-campus facilities; and

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RESOLVED: This resolution will be sent to Assistant Vice President of Campus Health and Wellbeing Tina Hadaway-Mellis, Senior Associate Director of Strategic Communications and Customer Experience Diego Abeloos, Director of Wellbeing and Health Equity Kari Mansager, Medical Director Dr. Ricardo Young, Clinical Services Director Sondra Williams, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Lauren Daly, ASI Executive Director Michelle Crawford, and the Student Health Advisory Council.

¹² Confirmed by Tina Hadaway-Mellis, Assistant Director of Student Affairs for Campus Health and Wellbeing

¹³ Confirmed by Tina Hadaway-Mellis, Assistant Director of Student Affairs for Campus Health and Wellbeing

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 20th day of May 2025.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this 14th day of May 2025.

Attest:

ASI Secretary

Signed:
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:
ASI President

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