TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
SUBJECT: 16-17 BEC 7: Opposition to the Proposed Tuition Increase

PURPOSE: For adoption by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED:
That the Academic Senate of California State University East Bay support the attached resolution.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
At its meeting on November 22, 2016, the Executive Committee voted to send the attached resolution to the Academic Senate.
WHEREAS: The California State University has proposed a tuition increase of up to $270 per resident undergraduate student annually, with similar increases for non-resident, graduate, doctoral, and credential students, to take effect in 2017-18 (see https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf); and

WHEREAS: California has significantly disinvested in the CSU over the last decade, despite its responsibility to fund public systems under the California Master Plan for Higher Education; and

WHEREAS: CSU tuition fees have risen drastically in recent years, having more than doubled in the last decade, and tripled in the last fifteen years; and

WHEREAS: Many CSU students are financially disadvantaged and cannot afford an increase in tuition (see https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-cal-state-homelessness-20160620-snap-story.html); and

WHEREAS: Financial aid may help to mitigate some of the effects of a tuition increase, but students may incur more debt as a result of the tuition increase; and

WHEREAS: The California State Student Association (CSSA) has expressed opposition to the proposed tuition increase (see http://tuition.calstatestudents.org/2016/10/21/letter-from-cssa-president-david-m-lopez/); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the CSUEB Academic Senate joins other CSU Campus Senates, the California State Student
Association (CSSA), and the California Faculty Association (CFA) in opposing the current tuition increase; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the CSUEB Academic Senate encourage the ASCSU to oppose the proposed tuition increase; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the CSU, CSSA, and CFA to engage in sustained joint advocacy to secure state adequate funding to avert the need for the current tuition increase and future tuition increases; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the CSUEB Academic Senate distribute this resolution to

- CSU Board of Trustees
- CSU Chancellor
- CSU Presidents
- ASCSU Executive Committee
- CSU campus Senate Chairs,
- California Faculty Association (CFA)
- California State Student Association (CSSA)
- CSUEB Chapter of Associated Students Incorporated (ASI)
- Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (ERFA)
- Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges,
- Academic Senate of the University of California,
- California Community Colleges’ Board of Governors,
- University of California Board of Regents
- Governor of the State of California
- Our local State Representative, Kamala Harris
- Our local State Assembly Member, Bill Quirk