

BOD 2018-19 – 8R

Resolution Regarding the Impact of the Government Shutdown on Students of CSUEB and Demanding that the Federal Government Be Reopened

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 16,000 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2018, parts of the federal government shutdown, causing the negative impact on the financial stability of approximately 800,000 federal workers, including many of the estimated 245,000 federal employees of California¹; and

WHEREAS, there have been, as of January 11, 2019, a total of 779 federal workers in California who have been forced to apply for unemployment benefits due to the financial hardship of the government shutdown; and

WHEREAS, students rely on funding granted through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to get the aid that they need to afford attending all colleges and universities in California; and

WHEREAS, FAFSA is accepting applications as of now, with a looming deadline of March 2, 2019; and

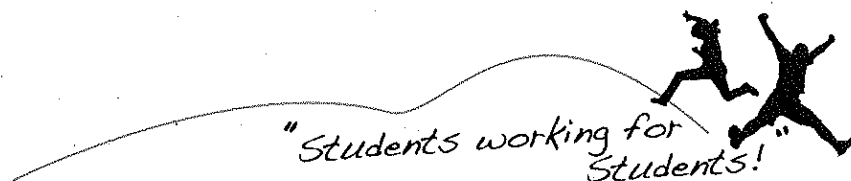
WHEREAS, the Department of Internal Revenue Services (IRS) holds many of the documents that students applying for federal aid through the FAFSA; and

WHEREAS, only 10 employees (one Director, Modernization Development & Delivery (MDD), one Senior Manager, and eight analysts) whom will be required to work for the remaining lapse in appropriations within the IRS will be specifically charged with supporting “the completion and testing” of FAFSA applications and Federal Student Aid – Datashare (FSA-D);² and

WHEREAS, the effects on the IRS due to the shutdown will make it more difficult for students to apply for federal aid and have their applications processed; therefore be it

¹ Employment Development Department, Media Services office. (January 11, 2019). *California to provide assistance to federal workers affected by the government shutdown* [Press release]. Retrieved from: https://www.edd.ca.gov/About_EDD/pdf/nwsrel18-105.pdf


² Internal Revenue Service. (January 15, 2019). *Fiscal Year 2019 LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS CONTINGENCY PLAN (Tax Year 2018 Filing Season)*. Retrieved from: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/266/IRS-Lapse-in-Appropriations-Contingency-Plan-Filing-Season-2019-01-15.pdf>



RESOLVED, that ASI of CSUEB demands that the federal government be reopened and the opportunity for students to access the future aid that they need not be jeopardized; as well as that the financial stability of students who have been affected negatively by furloughs and unpaid work due to the government shutdown be protected; let it be further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the district office and Washington D.C. office of Representative Eric Swalwell, the Washington D.C. offices of both Senator Kamala Harris and Senator Dianne Feinstein, and all other relevant parties.

Approved On: Wednesday, January 23, 2019



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