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Resolution in Opposition of the CSU Multi Year Tuition Increase

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 13,000 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, the California State University Chancellor’s Office is proposing a 6% annual increase that would be effective as of Fall 2024 and would continue with a 5 year review and could continue indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, Cal State East Bay is known for being the most cost efficient CSU in Northern California¹; and

WHEREAS, 60% of enrolled undergraduate students mainly have their tuition covered by grants, scholarships, or waivers²; and

WHEREAS, FAFSA will experience major changes for the 2024-25 school year such as replacing Expected Family Contribution (EFC) with the Student Aid Index (SAI) and modifications to Family Definitions in FAFSA® Formulas; and

WHEREAS, the proposal does not clearly define how 40% of students would be affected by the tuition proposal (IE middle class, undocumented, international, grant ineligible)³; and

¹ California State University. *Campus costs of attendance*. Campus Costs of Attendance.
<https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/Pages/campus-costs-of-attendance.aspx>

² Relyea, S., & Storm, R. (2023, July 12). *Committee on Finance*. Multi-Year Tuition Proposal.
<https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Documents/24-25-TUITION-PROPOSAL.pdf>

³ Relyea, S., & Storm, R. Multi-Year Tuition Proposal.



WHEREAS, CSU Graduation Initiative 2025 aims to eliminate the equity gap regardless of racial, ethnic, or financial background and have an equal opportunity to earn a college degree⁴; and

WHEREAS, Cal State East Bay campus has been on a 10% decline in enrollment from the previous academic school year⁵; and

WHEREAS, on July 9th, 2023, all 23 CSU's student representatives from the California State Student Association voted 23-0 in opposition of the CSU multi-year tuition increase; be it therefore

RESOLVED, Associated Students Incorporated of California State University, East Bay opposes the CSU Multi Year tuition increase; and let it be further,

RESOLVED, ASI Board of Directors expects the Chancellor's Office to be transparent in the correlation between increased tuition and its potential of widening the equity gap in graduation rates, and thus continuing to fail Graduation Initiative 2025; and let it be further,

RESOLVED, the Chancellor's office should review and financially reflect on the percentage of undergraduate students every year with the new adjustments of the FAFSA application⁶; and let it be further,

RESOLVED, the Chancellor's office should be aware that tuition increase would detrimentally affect enrollment throughout all 23 campuses; and let it be further,

⁴ *Graduation initiative 2025*. The California State University. (n.d.).
<https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/why-the-csu-matters/graduation-initiative-2025>

⁵ <https://analytics.csueastbay.edu/t/Public/views/QuickFactFinal/QuickFact>

⁶ US Department of Education. (n.d.). *What is the FAFSA Simplification Act?*. Federal Student Aid.
<https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/article/fafsa-simplification-act>

RESOLVED, ASI demands from the Chancellor's Office for unequivocal transparency on all 23 CSU campuses in regards to updates on the progress of the tuition increase and transparency in budget allocation; and let it be further,

RESOLVED, ASI Board of Directors demands and expects the Chancellor's Office and all 23 University Presidents to increase advocacy at the state level to provide the necessary funding for state employee salary and benefits to critical services to invest in the future of an educated California; and let it be further,

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI Board of Directors will continue to inform students about the September 12-13 Board of Trustees meeting to address their perspective and concerns during public comment; be it therefore


RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to our University President Cathy Sandeen, the Vice President for Student Affairs Suzanne Espinoza, Provost Walt Jacobs, University Diversity Officer Kathleen Wong (Lau), Vice President of Administration and Finance Myeshia Armstrong, Vice President of University Advancement Evelyn Buchanan, Academic Senate Chair Christina Chin Newman, Mayor Salinas, Mayor Pro Tempore Angela Andrews, Councilmember Ray Bonilla Jr., Councilmember Dan Goldstein, Councilmember Julie Roche, Councilmember George Syrop, Councilmember Francisco Zermeno, Governor Gavin Newsom, Secretary of State of California Shirley Webber, CSU Board of Trustees, California State Student Association, the Pioneer, digitally to all students, and any other relevant parties.

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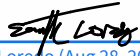
Approved On: Wednesday, August 23, 2023

ASI President/CEO does hereby [] *approves* / [] *refuses to approve* this resolution.




Nolan Calara (Aug 28, 2023 14:14 PDT)

Nolan Calara
ASI President/CEO


Erick Loredo (Aug 28, 2023 14:04 PDT)

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