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Resolution in Support of Associated Students Inc. Response to the Statewide Student Demonstrations

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate of California State University Fullerton (CSUF) recognizes the importance of collegial and open discourse on even the most contentious and controversial of topics (i.e. “The Fullerton Way”); and

WHEREAS, university campuses have traditionally been areas where peaceful and non-violent political expression are welcomed and their importance recognized; and

WHEREAS, recent events on several University Campuses in California call this tradition into question; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of CSUF strongly endorses the Resolution in Response to the Statewide Student Demonstrations adopted by the Associated Students CSUF, Inc. on the 29th of November 2011; be it further

RESOLVED, that, in solidarity with the Associated Students CSUF, Inc., the Academic Senate of California State University Fullerton supports and respects the rights of all campus community members, be they Administrators, Faculty, Staff, or Students, to peacefully participate in free and open political expression; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that CSUF Faculty, Staff, Students and Administrators should work to ensure that our university is a safe place for public assembly and free speech.

Source: Executive Committee

See following 3-page resolution from ASI dated 11-29-11, recorded in approved Academic Senate [12-15-11 Minutes](#)



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Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Milton A. Gordon, Ph.D.
President
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Dr. Silas H. Abrego
Acting Vice President for Student Affairs
California State University, Fullerton

Executive Committee
Academic Senate
California State University, Fullerton

ASI Presidents
California State University Campuses

Board of Directors
California State Student Association

Board of Directors
University of California Student Association

RE: Response to the Statewide Student Demonstrations

Dear President Gordon, Vice President Abrego, Executive Committee of the CSUF Academic Senate, ASI Presidents of each CSU campus, Board Members for the California State Student Association, and Board Members for the University of California Student Association:

In the enclosure, please find the resolution in response to the recent statewide student demonstrations occurring on California State University and University of California campuses, which was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Incorporated (ASI) at its special meeting on November 29, 2011. With this resolution, ASI supports the longstanding traditions of non-violent political expression on university campuses and urges President Gordon and other university administrators to publicly commit to making our university a safe location for peaceful public assembly by implementing and upholding policies that reflect this commitment.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Niu'.

Eric Niu
President, Associated Students, CSUF, Inc.

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Enclosures (1)

CC: Office of the Governor of California
Office of the Lieutenant Governor of California
Offices of Congressional Delegation for California 38th, 39th, 40th, 47th and 48th Districts
Offices of California Senators for 33rd, 34th and 35th Districts
Offices California Assembly Members for 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st and 72nd Districts
CSUF Alumni Association Board of Directors
Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors
Associated Students, Inc. Executive Staff
California Faculty Association President
California Faculty Association – Fullerton Chapter
All CSUF Employees
The Los Angeles Times
The Orange County Register
The Daily Titan



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RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO THE STATEWIDE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS

WHEREAS, the Associated Students, CSUF, Inc. (ASI) is the representative voice for over 34,000 students at California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, over the past month, groups of college students throughout the state of California have mobilized and participated in non-violent demonstrations to voice their concerns over the rising costs of tuition throughout California, as well as express their frustration in relation to other economic and social injustices that have become increasingly relevant throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2011 students at the University of California, Berkeley, were met with excessive police force as they were struck brutally with police batons while attempting to establish a peaceful encampment on Sproul Plaza, resulting in several injuries and over 40 student arrests; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2011 students at the University of California, Davis, were pepper sprayed while peacefully seated with arms linked, protesting the economic inequalities facing California students; and

WHEREAS, both incidents have sent shock waves throughout California, the higher education community, and the nation, marking a disturbing new trend of police aggression and violence against peaceful forms of democratic expression that are so deeply engrained in the traditions of our universities and the landscape of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, the importance of free and open political expression on university campuses can be seen in the progress made by student activists in the Civil Rights Movement, as well as the push to bring an end to the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the significance of such expression was further displayed on our very own campus, beginning Nov 15, 2011, where hundreds of students gathered in the Central Quad to protest the proposed tuition increases and stand in solidarity with students who were victimized during the aforementioned student movements; and

WHEREAS, these forms of political thought and expression create the atmosphere that is not only important but essential in order for universities to continue to serve as a hub for positive forms of dissent and protest, which cultivate visions of change and progress; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the ASI Board of Directors supports the longstanding traditions of non-violent political expression on university campuses, and defends the rights of students to express themselves freely and non-violently, without violence or the threat of violence on behalf of university police; and be it further

2011, November 16. Shooting Occurs at UC Berkley during protests. *USA Today*.
Retrieved from <http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2011-11-15/university-of-california-berkeley-shooting/51223386/1>

2011, November 21. Hundreds of UC Davis students protests pepper-spraying by police. *New York Times Online*.
Retrieved from <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/11/uc-davis-protest-police-pepper-spray.html>

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RESOLVED, that the ASI Board of Directors condemns any and all deployment of violence by university officials against members of the University community who are participating in peaceful forms of political expression; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ASI Board of Directors urge President Gordon and other university administrators to publicly commit to making our university a safe location for peaceful public assembly and implement and uphold policies that reflect this commitment; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to President Milton Gordon, Acting Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Silas Abrego, CSUF Academic Senate, CSU Associated Student Presidents, the California State Student Association, the University of California Student Association.

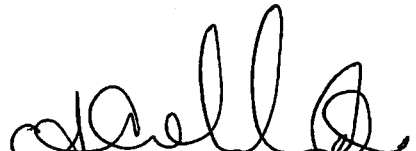
Adopted by the ASI Board of Directors on the twenty-ninth day of November, two thousand and eleven



Christopher Labrot
ASI Secretary/Treasurer



Eric Niu
ASI President & CEO



Aissa Canchola
ASI Board of Directors Chair

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