



Resolution In Support of Fully Funding the California State University System

Whereas: The CSU provides significant economic benefits to the state of California by:

- Providing more job-ready graduates than any other public or private university in the state, accounting for nearly 5 million jobs, and
- Generating at least \$5.43 for the California Economy for every dollar invested by the state; (<http://www.calstate.edu/impact/state.html>); and

Whereas: California has significantly reduced its investment in the CSU over the last decade, despite its responsibility to fund public systems under the California Master Plan for Higher Education. Based on data from 2013/14, enrollment has increased more than 50 percent since 1980/1981, and general fund support per student has decreased by nearly 13% after adjusting for inflation (http://calbudgetcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/140506_From_State_to_Student_BB.pdf); and

Whereas: The governor's proposed funding plan will provide only a \$157.2 million increase in 2017- 2018 and will not fully fund current CSU commitments to mandatory cost increases and employee compensation and will not allow for investment in student success, infrastructure, and enrollment growth (<http://www.calstate.edu/bot/agendas/sep16/fullagenda.pdf>); and

Whereas: Without additional funding from the state, the CSU would be left with two options, to either increase tuition revenue or reduce allocations to the campuses (<http://www.calstate.edu/bot/agendas/sep16/fullagenda.pdf>); and

Whereas: The CSU Office of the Chancellor has proposed a tuition increase of up to \$270 per undergraduate student, \$312 per credential student, \$438 per master's student, and \$720 per doctoral student (<https://www2.calstate.edu/Documents/Possible-17-18-Tuition-Proposal.pdf>); and

Whereas: CSU tuition and student fees have more than doubled in the last decade, and tripled in the last fifteen years; and

Whereas: While financial aid may mitigate some of the impacts for some students the tuition increase may harm others and

Whereas: The CSUF Associated Students, Inc. have expressed opposition to the proposed tuition increase; and

Whereas: Several of our sister CSU campuses have expressed their opposition to the proposed 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 CSUF Academic Senate urge the Governor and the California Legislature to fully fund Higher Education and provide financial support consistent with the 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education; and be it further

Resolved: That the CSUF Academic Senate support the CSU Board of Trustees budget request for at least \$167.7 million in additional monies from the state for student success, completion and access, infrastructure/facilities, and employee compensation over and above the \$157.2 million funding commitment to the CSU by the Governor; and be it finally

Resolved: That the CSUF Academic Senate distribute this resolution to the California Governor, the Speaker of the California State Assembly, the California Senate President pro Tempore, the CSU Board of Trustees, the CSU Chancellor, the California Faculty Association (CFA), the California State Student Association (CSSA), Students for a Quality Education, CSUF President Mildred García, and the Associated Students, Inc. at CSUF.

Source: Executive Committee