



*Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, Incorporated*

**A RESOLUTION AGAINST NEW STUDENT FEES PROPOSED BY  
THE CSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**WHEREAS,** the Associated Students, Incorporated (A.S.I.) is the single recognized voice for nearly 20,000 students at California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA); and

**WHEREAS,** A.S.I. recognizes public education as a right and not a privilege and that the promise of free or affordable public education in the California Master Plan for Higher Education is one of the greatest democratic achievements in California's history; and

**WHEREAS,** the CSU has recently faced substantial budget cuts from the State, including a reduction of \$750 million in 2011-2012 alone<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to the State budget cuts, the CSU has also faced a series of tuition and fee increases since 2001, raising the cost of undergraduate attendance from \$1,428 in 2001 to an estimated \$5,970 in 2012; and

**WHEREAS,** the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees is proposing to add three student fees for the 2013-2014 academic year regardless of the outcome of California Proposition 30, Sales and Income Tax Increase (2012), to address the potential \$250 million cut and the tuition fee rollback included in Assembly Bill 1502; Chapter 31<sup>2</sup>; if applied; and

**WHEREAS,** the first proposed fee will be the Graduation Incentive Fee for resident undergraduates, which would increase the fee per unit by \$372 for every unit surpassing 150 semester units; and

**WHEREAS,** the second proposed fee will be the Course Repeat Fee for resident undergraduates, which would increase the fee per unit of repeated courses by one-sixteenth of the semester tuition fee, \$100 per unit; and

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<sup>1</sup> CSU Budget Office: <http://www.calstate.edu/budget/student-fees/fee-rates/>

<sup>2</sup> Assembly Bill 1502; Chapter 31: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab\\_1501-1550/ab\\_1502\\_bill\\_20120627\\_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_1501-1550/ab_1502_bill_20120627_chaptered.pdf)



**WHEREAS**, the third proposed fee will be the Added Units Fee for resident undergraduates, which would increase the fee per units by one-thirteenth of the quarter tuition fee for every unit beyond 16 units in a quarter, \$200 per unit<sup>3</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, many CSULA students already struggle to pay for tuition and cannot afford additional fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Graduation Incentive Fee is an added detriment to all students attempting to further their education, especially science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors, double majors, and transfer students with extra units; and

**WHEREAS**, the Course Repeat Fee is an added detriment to all students that are attempting to retake a class; and

**WHEREAS**, the Added Units Fee is another detriment to all students because it makes it more difficult for students to graduate within a desired time period; and

**WHEREAS**, the justification for these three proposed fees is to “change student behavior” through punitive measures, and not to raise revenue; be it

**RESOLVED**, that the A.S.I. Board of Directors expresses absolute disapproval of these proposed student fees; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the A.S.I. Board of Directors strongly urges the members of the CSU Board of Trustees to vote against any of the proposed fees; and be it also

**RESOLVED**, that the members of the A.S.I. Board of Directors and other student advocates attend the CSU Board of Trustees meeting held November 13-14, 2012 at the CSU Chancellor’s Office to speak out against the proposed new student fees; and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, the CSU Campus Presidents, the CSU Associated Students, the United States Student Association, the California State Student Association, the University of California Student Association, California Teachers Association, Governor Jerry Brown, the CSULA University Times, the Los Angeles Times, and all related media outlets.

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<sup>3</sup>CSU Student Fee Proposals: <http://www.calstate.edu/budget/student-fees/fee-proposals/index.shtml>