



## **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CONCLUSION TO CAL STATE LA'S A.S.I. BUDGET APPROVAL DISPUTE**

*Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, Incorporated  
Resolution Number WR-16-003                      Submission Date: 02/18/2016                      Approval Date: TBD*

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- WHEREAS,** the Associated Students, Incorporated (A.S.I.) is the single recognized voice for nearly 27,000 students at California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA); and
- WHEREAS,** each student contributes an A.S.I. student body fee to support the operation of the organization and campus-wide programs and activities which supplement and enrich students' educational experience at Cal State LA; and
- WHEREAS,** the A.S.I. Board of Directors passed and forwarded the 2015-16 A.S.I. Proposed Budget to the President's Office for approval; and
- WHEREAS,** the President's Office did not approve said budget and attempted to freeze the 2015-16 A.S.I. funding allocation and assets in violation of Executive Order 369; and
- WHEREAS,** funds were released due to A.S.I. invoking Executive Order 369 review; and
- WHEREAS,** President Covino confirmed to the Board of Directors that he would approve the 2015-16 A.S.I. Proposed Budget if the Board complied with his funding amount request for the Anna Bing Arnold Children's Center (ABACC); and
- WHEREAS,** President Covino agreed to be open to negotiation on ABACC funding allocation amount from A.S.I. in the 2016-17 Proposed Operating Budget; and
- WHEREAS,** the A.S.I. Board of Directors complied with the President's request and passed a revised 2015-16 A.S.I. Proposed Budget with that adjusted funding number; and
- WHEREAS,** in good faith, A.S.I. created (2) budget adhoc committees with the purposes of negotiating A.S.I.'s 2016-17 ABACC funding allocation and exploring a new more sustainable model for ABACC funding, respectively; and
- WHEREAS,** in a seemingly unrelated action, and in anticipation of receiving their uncollected funds, A.S.I. designed their 2016 3&9 to improve student life on campus by allocating funds for advocacy, club funding, programing, and organizational support; and



- WHEREAS,** the A.S.I. Board of Directors unanimously passed and forwarded the 2016 3&9 Budget to the President's Office for approval; and
- WHEREAS,** the President's Office did not approve A.S.I.'s 2015-16 3&9 Budget citing that the use of retained earnings/trailer reserve contained in the (3&9) budget amendment is not fiscally responsible; and
- WHEREAS,** this refusal bars A.S.I. from access to uncollected funds normally available to the organization at this point in the fiscal year and impairs A.S.I. operations, club funding, programing, and advocacy efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** the A.S.I. Board of Directors was also informed that Cal State LA Business Financial Services has been instructed, by the President's Office, to withhold a substantial portion of the 2016-17 A.S.I. funding allocation for that and subsequent fiscal years in attempt to retain up to 1.6 million in "back pay" for the ABACC; and
- WHEREAS,** it has been interpreted by the A.S.I. Board of Directors that there has been a breech in an agreement with the President's Office to negotiate the A.S.I. 2016-17 Proposed Budget separate from the approval of the 2016 3&9, 6&6, and 9&3 Budget submissions; and
- WHEREAS,** the A.S.I. Board of Directors finds the action and inaction, accordingly, of the President's Office, in regards to the 2016, 2017, and beyond, A.S.I. Budget, to be indicative of an intimidation tactic; let it be
- RESOLVED,** that the A.S.I. Board of Directors, once more, formally invokes Executive Order 369 in attempt to regain access to organization assets and uncollected funds to be used as outlined by the A.S.I. 3&9 Budget; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the A.S.I. Board of Directors strongly urges the President's Office to observe Executive Order 369, A.S.I. funding policy, past procedures and approval of A.S.I. Budgets by the University President, and audits conducted by the MGO Accounting Firm; and be it additionally
- RESOLVED,** that the A.S.I. Board of Directors appeals to the President's Office to join in negotiations with the appropriate A.S.I. budget adoc committee to determine the course of ABACC funding allocation in the 2016-17 A.S.I. Proposed Budget; and be it also
- RESOLVED,** that the A.S.I. Board of Directors supports a transparent, constructive dialogue and negotiation with the President's Office free of intimidation and/or the coercion of students; and be it finally



**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, the Cal State LA Campus President William A. Covino, the Anna Bing Arnold Children’s Center, the University Auxiliary Services, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, the CSU Campus Presidents, all CSU Associated Students bodies, the California State Student Association, the University of California Student Association, the United States Student Association, California Faculty Association, Governor Jerry Brown, the Cal State LA University Times, the Los Angeles Times, and all related media outlets.

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