

# Legislative Priorities 2017-2018

Associated Students, Inc. Cal State LA

## TRANSPORTATION

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Transportation is one of the biggest issues students face. We serve a population where 96% of our students commute to school and work on a daily basis.

Student success is relative to attending classes and involvement on campus. Still, being present is directly related to transportation cost and accessibility. And so, because parking passes prices continue to increase, we are in need of a discounted, reduced, and affordable transit pass.

In order to ensure that every student has the opportunity to physically come to campus, we will advocate for transit system improvement, access and affordability, and for the betterment of the commuting experience for Cal State LA students.

## BASIC NEEDS

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Reporting food and housing insecurity, students are being forced to decide between committing time and attention to their studies or to being able to provide basic needs (housing, food, personal wellness, and transportation) for themselves and their families.

Financial aid covers tuition and fees for a lot of low income students, but it is non-tuition living expenses that are hindering access and success for many students.

We need to ensure that no student is forced to make the decision between paying for a month's worth of groceries or purchasing a textbook.



## SAFE AND INCLUSIVE CAMPUS

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Due to the external political and social turmoil, college campuses are being impacted across the nation. Differences of ideologies, philosophies, and politics are creating a hostile environment in college campuses, including our own.

Cal State LA should be a place where different groups and communities are able to extensively interact and understand each other's struggles. Diversity and inclusion are key to a healthy campus climate.

We will seek resources and policies that improve our campus climate for all Cal State LA students; where everyone feels safe, understood and welcome.

## BUDGET ADVOCACY

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State dollars allocated to the CSU have decreased significantly. Lack of State investment has led to severe cuts and tuition and fees increases that ultimately fall on the backs of struggling students.

College unaffordability is leaving a lot of students without the opportunity to achieve a degree. It is also creating a system where lecturers are being underpaid and are forced to teach multiple classes at multiple campuses, without being able to provide their best service to students.

We will continue our advocacy efforts at the State level to ensure that the State of California continues to invest in public higher education and in financial programs like Cal Grant, to ensure that every young Californian is able to attend an institution of higher education, as outlined in the Master Plan outlined

