# RESOLUTION OF NO CONFIDENCE

**IN THE PRESIDENT AND KEY ADMINISTRATORS OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES**

*Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, Incorporated Submission Date: 03/27/2019 Approval Date: TBD*

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The Associated Students, Incorporated (A.S.I.) is recognized as the official voice of the students, tasked with expressing and protecting the rights and interests of all the students in the institution. A.S.I is committed to overseeing administration at California State University, Los Angeles and tasked with ensuring the practice of shared governance and determining if the efforts and initiatives of campus administrators align with the needs and the interests of the student body.

**WHEREAS,** the CSU Chancellor’s Office passed Coded Memorandum AA-2009-021[[1]](#footnote-1) which stresses the significance of student governance and the presence of the associated student body organization as full participants in campus policy development. Additionally, the CSU Board of Trustees passed a resolution on Student Participation in Policy Development[[2]](#footnote-2) in May of 2001 to amplify role of student participation in policy development to enhance institutional effectiveness and responsiveness to student needs. On April 5, 2018, A.S.I furthered this effort by passing a resolution of Shared governance[[3]](#footnote-3) emphasizing students as key stakeholders as they are subjects to direct and indirect impacts made by university policy and practices. President Covino, Provost Lynn Mahoney and Vice Provost Tom Enders all disregarded the practice of shared governance as they excluded faculty and student input throughout the process ofdecision making;

WHEREAS, within the same academic year, the State Legislature and Governor Newsom proposed the budget for 2019-2020 which provided additional funds to the CSU[[4]](#footnote-4); which is comprised of $300 million in permanent funding and $247 as one-time funding to address the backlog of maintenance and expand childcare centers. However, President Covino’s administration is pushing to declare impaction due to being underfunded; thus, limiting student enrollment which then results in preventing the university from continuing to serve its intended demographic;

**WHEREAS,** the North Campus Project[[5]](#footnote-5) has been prioritized for the project planning of this university while the campus has broken elevators, making the university inaccessible to students with disabilities. Moreover, various building, specifically King Hall, have out dated classrooms, broken ceilings, unusable seats and are overall inadequate learning spaces for the students. Consequently, the priorities of this institution do not put student’s education first as the teaching and learning environment are not being remodified effectively, but other university planning projects have made way;

WHEREAS, the mismanagement during President Covino’s tenure has negatively impacted students on campus and students from the community seeking higher education. The GO East LA campaign[[6]](#footnote-6) partnership with Cal State LA and Garfield High School articulates the collaboration of Cal State LA with local businesses and the community to increase college awareness as well as emphasizing access and preparation through ongoing outreach efforts. Yet, despite this initiative, the proposal created by President Covino, Provost Mahoney and Vice Provost Tom Enders betrays those efforts; thus, severely harming the traditionally marginalized communities the university once set out to elevate;

**WHEREAS**, the failure of the President Covino and his administration failed to acknowledge and adopt the countless alternative solutions presented by students and faculty;,which, were supported by a petition containing 1,463 signatures from university community members that potentially had the ability to prevent the unnecessary lock-out of CSU eligible students; and

**WHEREAS,** the Associated Students, Inc. recognizes the recent student petition claiming that “Cal State LA students, have lost confidence in the campus leadership to effectively execute their duties” and calling for the removal of President Covino and key administrators; and

**WHEREAS,** President Covino received a vote of no confidence by the Associated Students, Inc. of Cal State LA on March 3, 2016[[7]](#footnote-7) for utilizing intimidation tactics, retaliation towards any opposing views, discouraging any form of discussion or information retrieval, displaying disregard for laws and regulations, shared governance, and lack of respect for student leaders; let it be

**RESOLVED,** that the Associated Students, Inc. of Cal State LA, for the second time, declares that it has no confidence in the ability of President William Covino and his administration to lead this university in a manner which enables students, faculty, and staff to engage in the educational mission of our institution; and be it also

**RESOLVED,** that the Associated Students, Inc. will \welcome a new President and administration which embraces the principles of shared governance, empowerment of students, and effectively manages campus resources; and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution and supporting documentation be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, the Cal State LA Campus President William A. Covino, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, Cal State LA Academic Senate, CSU Academic Senate, 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, LA-32 Neighborhood Council, Los Angeles City Council, State and Federal Representatives, Governor Gavin Newsom, the Cal State LA University Times, the Los Angeles Times, and all related media outlets.

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1. <https://www.calstate.edu/AcadAff/codedMemos/AA-2009-02.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <http://www.calstate.edu/bot/agendas/jul01/edpol.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://asicalstatela.org/sites/default/files/content/attachments/2018/04/resolution-support-shared-governance-campus.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2019-20/pdf/BudgetSummary/HigherEducation.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. <http://www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/groups/FPDC/csula_student_housing_east_addendum.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. <http://www.calstatela.edu/engagement/goeastla> [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. <https://asicalstatela.org/sites/default/files/content/agenda/2016/02/bod-agenda-march-3-2016.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-7)