RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE MENTRSUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS CAMPUS-WIDE

Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, Incorporated
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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 Associated Students, Inc. of Cal State LA is recognized as the official voice of the students, tasked with expressing and protecting the rights and interests of all students within the institution, with powers granted to it by California State Law and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations; and~~

WHEREAS, the demographic of California State University, Los Angeles is composed of 27,827 student, in which women comprise 58%[1] of the student population. At least 58% of Cal State LA students use menstrual hygiene products including but not limited to: menstruating women, some transgender men, intersex individuals, and non-binary people who menstruate and need menstrual hygiene products, *and*

WHEREAS, menstrual hygiene products, which for the purpose of this resolution refer to tampons and pads, are a necessity for the management of menstruation, and shall NOT be considered a luxury item, but rather, a key to student success, *and*

WHEREAS, on average, individuals in California who menstruate spend approximately $7.00 per month[2], *and* ~~welfare and critical campus services, including, but not limited to, class enrollment, parking, financial aid, registration, and advisement; and~~

~~**WHEREAS,** this same academic year, in which the State Legislature and Governor Newsom provided additional funds to the CSU to increase enrollment, President Covino's administration is pushing to declare impaction, which will limit student enrollment and result in preventing the university from continuing to serve its intended demographic; and~~

~~**WHEREAS,**~~

WHEREAS, on-campus resources for free menstrual hygiene products are limited to

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[1] http://www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/groups/Office%20of%20the%20Vice%20Provost%20for%20Diversity%20and%20Engaged%20Learning/2017_senate_-_who_are_our_students.pdf
[2] https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/01/08/the-tampon-tax-explained/

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availability at the Health Center, and the Cross Cultural Center (CCC) and various pantries in college departments where said availability is solely reliant on donations, *and*

~~WHEREAS, President Covino and his administration have abandoned standard shared governance practices, refusing numerous requests for discussion forums, and failing to involve the university community in key decisions such as the impaction declaration; and~~

WHEREAS, Cal State LA, an institution of leaders who strive for inclusivity, in implementing this program, can set an example, similar to those at Brown University, Columbia University, Emory University, Duke University, and others [3], by moving forward to support a more inclusive environment, *and*

WHEREAS, California State Legislators have amended Assembly Bill no.10, Section 35292.5 and Section 66026.5 of the education code to add Section 50410 to the Health and Safety Code which would require all K-12 restrooms in public institutions to provide feminine hygiene products and encourage public universities to do the same[4], *and*~~and~~

WHEREAS, To put this cost in perspective, if each student who needed tampons at Cal State LA was provided with ten tampons per semester, and each costs an estimated $0.15 to provide, it would be approximately $24,360 per semester, *and*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Associated Students, Inc. of Cal State LA, recommends Cal State LA to provide menstrual hygiene products in female and gender neutral restrooms in all facilities campus-wide, *and*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The ASI Board of Directors recommends that Cal State LA provide a suitable quantity of feminine hygiene products to sufficiently support the need to students using restroom in facilities campus-wide, *and*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ASI recommends that Cal State LA provide menstrual hygiene products free of cost to students in facilities campus-wide, *and*

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, Vice President for Student Life Nancy Wada-Mckee, Associate Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Jennifer Miller, Vice President for Administration and Finance Lisa Chavez, Associate Vice President For Facilities, Planning, Design and Construction Barbara Queen.

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[3] https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/3dpz93/college-kids-want-free-tampons-for-america
[4] https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB10

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