

Leadership Symposium Resolution

Resolution to Allocate ASI Endowment Funds to Support a Leadership Symposium Open to All Students

WHEREAS, an endowment was established to provide Associated Students of Cal State LA, Inc. (ASI) with funds to support three student scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the current scholarship program has only supported a select group of students and has limited reach and does not fully align with the growing demand for leadership development opportunities across the broader student body; and

WHEREAS, leadership skills are essential for the personal and professional growth of all students, and providing opportunities for leadership training can empower students to become future leaders in their communities, workplaces, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the current scholarship model does not fully leverage the collective potential of the entire student population to engage in leadership development, and a more inclusive approach could serve a greater number of students, regardless of financial need or academic background; and

WHEREAS, a Leadership Symposium, open to all students, can provide a comprehensive platform for leadership development, skill-building, networking, and hands-on learning, which will better prepare students for leadership roles and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of ASI to promote the establishment of, and provide the means for, effective avenues of student input into the governance of the campus; provide an opportunity where students can gain experience and training in responsible political participation and community leadership; and stimulate the educational, social, physical and cultural wellbeing of the university community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ASI endowment scholarship program be restructured, and the funds previously allocated to individual scholarships be redirected to fund an annual **Leadership Symposium** that is open to all students, with the following key components:

1. Leadership Symposium Structure

• The Leadership Symposium will be an annual program that brings together students from diverse academic disciplines and backgrounds to learn from experienced leaders, engage in leadership-focused workshops, and participate in hands-on leadership exercises.

2. Inclusivity and Open Access

• The Leadership Symposium will be free and open to all Cal State LA students, ensuring that students from various disciplines, socio-economic backgrounds, and stages of their academic careers have access to valuable leadership development opportunities.



3. Leadership Skills Development

 The symposium will provide students with tools and interactive workshop opportunities to develop essential leadership skills, such as effective communication, decisionmaking, conflict resolution, team management, ethical leadership, and public speaking.

4. Community and Civic Engagement

• The symposium will emphasize the importance of community service, social responsibility, and ethical leadership. Students will be encouraged to engage in leadership roles within their communities, student organizations, or social causes and provide a list of opportunities for students to pursue.

5. Evaluation

The success of the Leadership Symposium and feedback for future development will be evaluated annually with the program participants.