



## A Resolution in Opposition of the Possible 2017-2018 Tuition Proposal

Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, Incorporated  
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**Whereas**, the Chancellor's 2017-18 Tuition Proposal proposes a tuition increase to partially cover the \$168.8 million dollars deficit the CSU system will face in its support budget; and

**Whereas**, a tuition increase, to take effect in Fall 2017, will generate approximately \$77.7 million dollars of new revenue in 2017-18 but will not fully cover the \$168.8 million dollars additionally needed from state funding; and

**Whereas**, a possible tuition increase is justified through the following CSU Board of Trustees priority areas: *Graduation Initiative 2025*, enrollment growth, academic facilities & campus infrastructure, employee compensation and mandatory costs, and

**Whereas**, if a tuition increase is implemented students will take longer to graduate because less classes will be offered, less faculty will be hired, and less support programs and services will be provided; and

**Whereas**, a decrease in public investment has led to tuition increases across the nation, state investment has moved from covering 80% in mid-1990s to 50% of CSU costs in 2016-2017, the remaining costs have been paid for by tuition and fees; and

**Whereas**, state officials have been critical of our 19% 4-year graduation rate but need to be aware that adding financial burdens to our student struggles force us to focus less on our academics and graduating in 4 years and instead focus on financially supporting our education and making ends meet; and

**Whereas**, the CSU Board of Trustees, the ultimate governing body of the CSU system, in order to coincide with legal terms, will be taking action on this proposal in January with no current plan to restore tuition back to its 2016-2017 levels if the state fully funds the CSU system in their final budget decision (to be made June 15, 2017); and

**Whereas**, allocating money to post-secondary education should not be seen as an expenditure but instead as an investment to California's future because 1 in every 10 employees in CA graduate from a California State University; and

**Whereas**, even though we support joint advocacy efforts the CSU we do not believe that adding any additional financial burden to students is a just and fair solution to the lack of state funding; let it be



**Resolved**, that this body, the Associated Students, Incorporated of California State University, Los Angeles, opposes this proposal for a tuition increase, because this potential increase will isolate students who cannot afford the increase in addition to those students who cannot afford to incur student debt, and will form a coalition with Students for Quality Education, SURGE, and any other interested club or organization that oppose a potential tuition increase, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Associated Students, Incorporated will distribute copies of this resolution widely, including, but not limited to, Cal State LA students, CSU Office of the Chancellor, the CSU Board of Trustees, the California State Student Association, the Cal State LA Campus President Dr. William A. Covino, and the Cal State LA University Times.

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