



**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
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The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) 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. ASI 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 which stresses the significance of student participation in shared 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 Development² in May of 2001 to amplify the student role in policy development and enhance institutional effectiveness and responsiveness to student needs. On April 5, 2018, ASI furthered this effort by passing A Resolution in Support of Student Participation within Shared Governance on Campus³ emphasizing students as key stakeholders subject 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 of decision making; and

WHEREAS, within the same academic year, the State Legislature and Governor Newsom proposed the budget for 2019-2020 which provided additional funds to the CSU⁴; 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; and

WHEREAS, the North Campus Project⁵ has been a planning priority of this University while the campus has broken elevators, making access to University spaces a challenge for students with disabilities. Moreover, various buildings, specifically

¹ <https://www.calstate.edu/AcadAff/codedMemos/AA-2009-02.pdf>

² <http://www.calstate.edu/bot/agendas/jul01/edpol.pdf>

³ <https://asicalstatela.org/sites/default/files/content/attachments/2018/04/resolution-support-shared-governance-campus.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2019-20/pdf/BudgetSummary/HigherEducation.pdf>

⁵ http://www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/groups/FPDC/csula_student_housing_east_addendum.pdf



King Hall, have outdated classrooms, crumbling ceilings, unusable seats and are overall inadequate learning spaces for students. Consequently, the priorities of this institution do not put the student's education first, as the teaching and learning environment are not being maintained and remodeled in an efficient manner, while other University planning projects have made way; and

WHEREAS, the mismanagement during President Covino's tenure has negatively affected students on campus and students from the community seeking higher education. The GO East LA campaign⁶ 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; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the President Covino and his administration failed to adopt the one year moratorium requested by students and faculty – a petition which included 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 ASI 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, 2016⁷ 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 ASI, for the second time, declares that it has no confidence in the ability of President William A. 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 ASI will welcome a new President and administration that embraces the principles of shared governance, empowerment of students, and effectively manages campus resources; and be it also

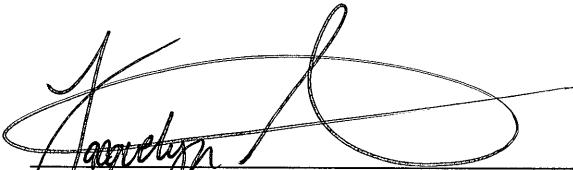
RESOLVED, that ASI requests that the Academic Senate take a position of support on this resolution. Upon taking a stance of support on this resolution, ASI also requests that the Academic Senate forward this resolution to the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Academic Senate, and the CSU Chancellor; and be it finally

⁶ <http://www.calstatela.edu/engagement/goeastla>

⁷ <https://asicalstatela.org/sites/default/files/content/minutes/2016/08/bod-3.3.16.pdf>



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




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