

Title: Resolution against New Student Fees Proposed by the CSU Board of Trustees

Sponsored by: ASI President

Whereas, The Associated Students Inc. of California State University, Dominguez Hills is the recognized voice of approximately 15,000 students; and

Whereas, it is the mission of the Associated Students Inc. (ASI) to advocate and enhance the accessibility of an affordable and quality education for the students at California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH); and

Whereas, the California State University Board of Trustees is proposing to add three students fees for the 2013-2014 academic year regardless of the outcome of Governor Brown's Tax Initiative (Proposition 30) to address potential \$250 million cut and the tuition fee rollback included in Assembly Bill 1502; Chapter 31¹ if applied; and

Whereas, the first proposed fee will be the Graduation Incentive Fee for resident undergraduates which would increase the fee per unit by \$372 for every unit surpassing 150 semester units; and

Whereas, the second proposed fee will be the Course Repeat Fee for resident undergraduates which would increase the fee per unit of repeated courses by one-sixteenth of the semester tuition fee, \$100 per unit; and

Whereas, the third proposed fee will be the Added Units Fee for resident undergraduates which would increase the fee per unit by one-thirteenth of the semester tuition for every unit beyond 16 units in a semester, \$200 per unit²; and

Whereas, many CSUDH students already struggle to pay for tuition and cannot afford additional fees; and

Whereas, the Graduation Incentive Fee is an added detriment to all students, especially those in high unit majors such as science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) majors, liberal studies major, or double majors or transfer students with extra units; and³

¹ Assembly Bill 1502; Chapter 31: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_1501-1550/ab_1502_bill_20120627_chaptered.pdf

² CSU Student Fee Proposals: <http://www.calstate.edu/budget/student-fees/fee-proposals/index.shtml>

³ All the numbers are noted as of the September 2012 Board of Trustees meeting

- Whereas,** the Course Repeat Fee is also an added detriment to all students that are attempting to retake a class, some because the major requires a “C” or better; and
- Whereas,** the Added Units Fee is another detriment to all students because it restricts the students to a set number of units which would make it more difficult for students to graduate within a desired time period, thus extending the number of semesters to graduation; and
- Whereas,** these fees will take away from the affordability and quality of the CSU, which have already been hindered by budget cuts, reduction in course offerings, larger class sizes; now, therefore be it
- Resolved** that the ASI Board of Directors expresses its absolute disapproval of these proposed student fees; and be it further
- Resolved** that the ASI Board of Directors strongly urges the members of the CSU Board of Trustees to vote against any of the proposed fees; and be it further
- Resolved** that the members of the ASI Board of Directors and other student advocates speak out against the proposed new student fees; and be it finally
- Resolved** that copies of this resolution be distributed but not limited to California Governor Jerry Brown, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, incoming Chancellor Timothy P. White, all members of the Board of Trustees, CSUDH President Dr. Willie J. Hagan, all academic college deans, the CSUDH academic senate, and local media outlets.⁴

⁴ From the Senate of Associated Students CSU Long Beach: <http://www.asicsulb.org/studentgovernment/forms.html>