

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED THIRD TIER AND SUPER SENIOR FEE / SUPPORT
FOR COURSE REPEAT FEE**

WHEREAS, Associated Students Inc. is the recognized student body government of California State University, Fresno; and

WHEREAS, It is the mission of ASI, in conjunction with the California State Student Association, to maintain and enhance the accessibility of an affordable, quality education for the people of California; and

WHEREAS, The CSU has recently faced substantial budget cuts from the state, including a reduction of \$750 million in 2011-2012 alone; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the state budget cuts, the CSU has also faced a series of tuition and fee increases since 2001, raising the cost of undergraduate attendance from \$1,428 in 2001 to an estimated \$5,970 in 2012; and

WHEREAS, The CSU Chancellor's Office is proposing three fees; For repeating a course, for enrolling in 17 semester units or more in one semester, and for completing 150 semester units or more; and

WHEREAS, Fees associated with enrolling in and completing a certain number of units in one semester or throughout an entire college career are antithetical to the CSU's mission of providing the most affordable and accessible education possible; and

WHEREAS, As of November 7, the way "third tier" is defined, being 17 units or more, can easily categorize students as such who are completing high unit degrees and are not taking more than what is required to graduate in 4 years; and

WHEREAS, As of November 7, it is unclear how the Third Tier and Super Senior fees will affect students completing two or more majors, students who change majors, and students enrolled in high unit majors; and

WHEREAS, Charging students a "third tier" or "super senior" fee who are in the aforementioned situations would be highly unfair, and

WHEREAS, Students should, however, take responsibility for their failure to pass a class or achieve their desired grade, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Associated Students Inc. at California State University, Fresno oppose the Third Tier and Super Senior fees being proposed by the Chancellor's Office for consideration by the Board of Trustees, and be it

RESOLVED, That ASI at CSU Fresno urge the Chancellor's Office to clarify how the proposed Third Tier and Super Senior fees affect students completing two or more majors, high unit majors, or students who have changed majors, and be it

RESOLVED, That if the Board of Trustees insist on implementing such fees despite student's opposition, that the fees be redefined to not qualify students who are in the aforementioned situations, by raising the unit requirements or exempting high unit, double, and changed majors; and be it

RESOLVED, That ASI at CSU Fresno supports the implementation of a fee for repeating a course; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, CSU Campus Presidents, CSU Associated Students, the United States Student Association, California Faculty Association, The Fresno Bee, and the Collegian

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