

#7 Agenda Item

AS-3105-12/Floor [Davis]
November 8-9, 2012
Waiver Passed

Passed as Amended

Opposition to Proposed Graduation Incentive, Third-Tier Tuition and Course Repeat Fees

- 1 **1.** RESOLVED: That the ASCSU declare its opposition to the proposed Board of Trustees
2 November 2012 agenda item “Modifications to the Schedule of Fees” establishing new or
3 increased fees including the Graduation Incentive Fee, the Third-Tier Tuition Fee and the
4 Course Repeat Fee as currently envisioned; and be it further

- 5 **2.** RESOLVED that the ASCSU have concerns about the unintended consequences of such
6 fees which may result in delays in graduation and erect barriers to student success; and be it
7 further

- 8 **3.** RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees be requested to form a joint CSSA/Board/
9 Chancellor’s Office/ASCSU task force to examine the magnitude and structure of the
10 proposed fees prior to the final action by the Board; and be it further

- 11 **4.** RESOLVED: That this resolution be distributed to the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor,
12 campus academic senates the California State Student Association (CSSA) and campus
13 Associated Students/Student body presidents

- 14 **RATIONALE:** The Board of Trustees November 2012 agenda item “Modifications to the
15 Schedule of Fees” establishes or increases fees including

- 1 • Graduation Incentive Fee for resident undergraduates, to be assessed at the same per-
2 unit rate as supplemental nonresident tuition, for each unit in excess of total earned
3 units of 160 semester and 240 quarter units. Commencing with fall 2014, and until
4 further amended, the graduation incentive fee would be assessed for each unit in
5 excess of total earned units of 150 semester units and 225 quarter units.

- 6 • Third-Tier Tuition Fee for resident undergraduates, to be assessed per unit at a rate of
7 one-thirtieth of the basic academic year tuition fee rate for semester calendar campuses
8 and one-forty-fifth for quarter calendar campuses, for each unit in excess of 17 units
9 per term, provided that the student is enrolled in at least 18 units.

- 10 • Course Repeat Fee for resident undergraduates, to be assessed per unit of each course
11 repeat at a rate of one-sixtieth of the basic academic year tuition fee rate for semester
12 calendar campuses and one-ninetieth for quarter calendar campuses.

13 (Source: BOT <http://www.calstate.edu/bot/agendas/?source=homepage>: Joint Meeting of the
14 Committee on Educational Policy and the Committee on Finance)

15 To date, the Associated Students Incorporated on more than seven campuses have passed
16 resolutions against the proposed fees listed above – (links below). This widespread student
17 support not only reflects the general state of the California economy but – (in terms of the
18 alarming increase of student debt associated with increased fees, frequent tuition hikes, etc)
19 - is a distressing indication of the ‘heritage’ left to our students, the future leaders of our
20 state economy. While the ASCSU cannot quarrel with the Board of Trustees' stated intent to

1 extend access to students, the decision to do so through levying higher fees on current
2 students takes an effectively punitive approach. The ASCSU recognizes the variety of
3 reasons current students have been unable to complete their programs in as timely a fashion
4 as might be hoped for. Some of these reasons include factors not within the control of the
5 CSU, including the paucity of advisement opportunities currently available on community
6 college campuses for CSU transfer students; limited access to required courses in programs
7 that, throughout the system, have been under-funded in the past few years; and students who
8 find themselves taking units necessary to maintain their financial aid status, (such units not
9 contributing to their progress toward graduation).