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Subject: Resolution Against the Board of Trustees Contingency Plans

- 1. Whereas:** The Associated Students (A.S.) Board of Directors of California State University, Northridge is the recognized voice of over 36,000 students; and
- 2. Whereas:** A.S. is the primary advocate for students at California State University, Northridge (CSUN) and provides excellent, meaningful programs and services designed to create and enhance a spirited, learning-focused campus environment; and
- 3. Whereas:** In accomplishing that mission, A.S. strives to advocate and enhance the accessibility of an affordable and quality education for the students at California State University, Northridge; and
- 4. Whereas:** The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees is proposing to add three student fees for the 2013-2014 academic year regardless of the outcome of Proposition 30: *The School and Local Public Safety Protection Act* to address the potential \$250 million cut and the tuition fee rollback included in Assembly Bill 1502, Chapter 31⁽¹⁾ if applied; and

¹ Assembly Bill 1502; Chapter 31: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_15011150/ab_1502_bill20120627_chaptered.pdf

5. **Whereas:** The first proposed fee will be the Graduation Incentive Fee for undergraduates, which would increase the fee per unit by \$372 for every unit surpassing 150 semester units; and
6. **Whereas:** The second proposed fee will be the Course Repeat Fee for undergraduates, which would increase the fee per unit of repeated courses by \$100 per unit; and
7. **Whereas:** The third proposed fee will be the Added Units Fee, or Third Tier Tuition, for undergraduates which would increase the fee for every unit beyond 18 units in a semester by \$200 per unit⁽²⁾; and
8. **Whereas:** Many CSUN students are already struggling to pay for tuition and campus fees, thus they cannot afford additional fees as they are at an all-time high; and
9. **Whereas:** The Graduation Incentive Fee is not an incentive, but an added detriment to students attempting to further their education, especially science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors, double majors and transfer students that usually surpass the typical 120 unit major; and
10. **Whereas:** The Course Repeat Fee seems to punish students for attempting to retake a class, regardless of the reason why they are retaking it; and
11. **Whereas:** The Added Units Fee is another detriment to students because it makes it more difficult for students to graduate within a desired time period; and
12. **Whereas:** These fees will take away from the affordability and quality of the CSU; therefore let it be


1. **Resolved:** That the A.S. Board of Directors expresses absolute disapproval of these proposed student fees; and let it be further
2. **Resolved:** That the A.S. 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
3. **Resolved:** That the Board of Trustees should look at other methods of generating revenue before raising student fees; and be it further
4. **Resolved:** That the title of the Graduation Incentive Fee be formally changed to be titled "Super Senior Fee"; and be it further
5. **Resolved:** That representatives of the A.S. Board of Directors and student body attend the CSU Board of Trustees meeting on November 14th held at the CSU Chancellor's Office to speak out against the proposed new student fees; and be it finally
6. **Resolved:** That copies of this resolution will be available to all who seek it. Copies will be sent out, but not limited, to:

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

- CSUN President Dianne Harrison
- CSUN Vice President of Student Affairs William Watkins
- All CSU Board of Trustee Members
- CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed
- Incoming CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White
- California State Student Association
- Governor Jerry Brown
- Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson
- All CSU Campus Presidents
- All CSU Student Body Presidents
- 27th Congressional District Representative Brad Sherman
- The office of Senator Barbara Boxer
- The office of Senator Dianne Feinstein
- The office of State Senator Alex Padilla
- The office of State Assembly Speaker John A. Perez
- The office of State Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg
- The office of State Assembly Majority Leader Toni Atkins
- The office of State Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway
- The office of State Senate Majority Leader Ellen M. Corbett
- The office of State Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff
- CSUN Today
- Daily Sundial
- Daily News



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