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Resolution in support of California State Student Association's Tax Initiative Support Resolution

Respectfully submitted to the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Associated Students, Incorporated

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- WHEREAS,** The California State Student Association (CSSA) is the single recognized voice for more than 412,000 students in the California State University (CSU) system; and
- WHEREAS,** It is the mission of CSSA 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 2012¹; and
- WHEREAS,** Every \$1 invested in the CSU yields a \$5.43 return back to the California economy, sustains almost 150,000 jobs and provides a majority of graduates in key economic areas such as agriculture, medicine, criminal justice and education²; and
- WHEREAS,** The State of California currently has a \$15.7 billion deficit; and
- WHEREAS,** The current state budget assumes the passage of Governor Brown's Tax Initiative, known as Proposition 30 for the November 6, 2012 elections, in order to balance the budget; and
- WHEREAS,** The California higher education system faces an automatic "trigger cut" of \$250 million to the CSU and the University of California (UC) system, and \$548.5 million to the California Community College (CCC) system if voters do not approve the Governor's Tax Initiative in November³; and

- WHEREAS,** The California budget also includes an increase in funding of \$125 million to the CSU and UC in 2013-2014 if the Tax Initiative is approved and tuition and fees are maintained at 2011-2012 levels for the 2012-2013 school year; be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Associated Students Incorporated, Cal Poly Pomona further supports CSSA's Resolution in support of Governor Brown's Tax Initiative; and
- RESOLVED,** Supports the Governor's Tax Initiative and its dedication of funds to education and a balanced state budget; be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the ASI will take an active role in advocating for students, higher education, its benefits to the State of California and the issues affecting each campus to state and local representatives and the general public by undertaking a voter education and outreach campaign, implementing a voter registration drive and hosting a polling precinct for registered voters; 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, University of California Student Association, California Teachers Association, Governor Jerry Brown, the Office of Assembly Speaker John Pérez, the office of Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg, the office of Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway, and the office of Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff, University President, J. Michael Ortiz and his University Cabinet, The University Academic Senate, The Poly Post, The CSSA Executive Board and Staff, the ASI Senate, ASI staff, and students at Cal Poly Pomona.

1. CSU Budget Office: <http://www.calstate.edu/budget/student-fees/fee-rates/>
2. CSU Economic Impact Report: <http://www.calstate.edu/impact/docs/CSUImpactsReport.pdf>
3. CA Enacted State Budget 2012-2013: <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/Enacted/BudgetSummary/BSS/BSS.html>

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