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A Resolution in Opposition of the Student Success Fee as Presented at the Fee Advisory Committee Meeting on November 30, 2012

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

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- WHEREAS,** The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, (Cal Poly Pomona) is charged with the mission to advocate for each of its students; and
- WHEREAS,** As stated in Executive Order 1054 (EO 1054), an advisory student referendum is the preferred method of measuring student support prior to adjusting a Category II fee or requesting the chancellor to establish a new Category II fee, however this method was not chosen; and
- WHEREAS,** Although we understand the reasoning behind alternative consultation as the best method to inform students, we feel that the information was not as comprehensive to students as it should have been; and
- WHEREAS,** EO 1054 also states that the university president, in consultation with the student body association and the faculty senate shall develop guidelines applicable to the student fee referendum process designed to assure that the referendum is open, fair, and objective, however, the alternative consultation lacked these aspects; and
- WHEREAS,** Also stated in EO 1054, the Fee Advisory Committee is to guarantee that all necessary data is included in the alternative consultation process, and shall issue a voter pamphlet providing objective analysis of the proposed fee action and

statements solicited by the committee for and against the proposed fee action, but due to the fact that the Fee Advisory Committee was unable to see it beforehand, the presentation lacked a “con” perspective; and

WHEREAS, The fee advisory committee shall determine the specific statements that shall be included in the pamphlet, but this was not done; and

WHEREAS, Although we acknowledge and appreciate the administration’s efforts to address some of ASI’s concerns, the Fee Advisory Committee should have created and reviewed all the materials prior to their release to the student body; and

WHEREAS, The Fee Advisory Committee could have met prior to the start of alternative consultation, but because this committee was not a part of the planning process, the information presented to the student body was regrettably lacking, not fully transparent, and seems disingenuous; let it be

RESOLVED, We ask the administration to commit to having the Fee Advisory Committee exercise the full scope of the responsibilities, as enumerated in EO 1054 in all future proposed student fee increases

WHEREAS, We agree that the items supported by the Student Success Fee will help the University and the student body as a whole, but data has shown that academic support, particularly access to classes, is the highest priority for the students of Cal Poly Pomona; and

WHEREAS, With the implementation of this fee, students have been asked to be donors to the state of California because the state is unable to meet its obligations to properly fund the CSU system, so students, as the donors should be able to choose how their investment is spent; and

WHEREAS, According to the data gathered through alternative consultation, 97.1 percent of students surveyed said availability of courses to graduate was very important, and yet, of the \$8 million generated from the Student Success Fee, only 2.6 percent of this money will be used to add courses; and

WHEREAS, It is clear that access to more courses is the highest priority of the student body, but only 40 new sections will be added for the entire year, which is only 13 sections per quarter out of 3,000 sections offered each quarter; and

WHEREAS, This is less than .5 percent of the classes offered per quarter; and

WHEREAS, The ASI understands the university’s need to gain more resources for the Institution; and

WHEREAS, Based on the data gathered, comments from the participants, feedback from our constituents, the high number of fifth and sixth year students, and the large number of students unable to get classes needed to graduate, it is essential that we address the core and primary needs of an educational institution; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgement of our sister campus, the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo), we feel that their approach to the Student Success Fee should be taken into consideration when creating ours, let it be

RESOLVED, That a Student Success Fee Allocation Advisory Committee be created to advise the University President on how to allocate the generated revenue based on input gathered from students, student groups and student organizations as well as survey results regarding priorities and needs from the students' perspective; be it further

RESOLVED, That any committee or sub-committee involved with Advisory or Oversight functions, in regards to the Student Success Fee, involve a student majority and requires that all line items have majority student input, be it further

RESOLVED, That the charge of the Advisory Committee is to engage in outreach and communication with students prior to recommended allocations for the fee, to obtain input from student groups and organizations on fiscal priorities, and to use an outreach method that is inclusive of the Cal Poly Pomona community.

WHEREAS, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo has an allocation of \$5,797,823 or 67 percent out of \$8,605,000 is used for access to additional classes; let it be



RESOLVED, That the ASI encourages and supports a reallocation of fees that better represents the opinion of students and that a higher allocation of funds from the Student Success Fee will go to provide additional courses for students, as is the case at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

WHEREAS, Only 41.8 percent of the students surveyed said that a vibrant athletics program was "very important." In lieu of making athletics self-sustained through the Student Success Fee within the next three years, we feel that it should be a more long-term goal and the timeline should be stretched out over multiple years; therefore let it be

RESOLVED, The ASI concurs that intercollegiate athletics should continue to receive current level of student fees and we propose that a joint effort between ASI, the Fee Advisory Committee, and the Intercollegiate Advisory Board be made within the next 90 days to address how the Student Success Fee, ASI Fee, and any other student fees be used to maintain this level of support; be it further

RESOLVED, We are willing to work with the University President, J. Michael Ortiz, to reach a positive resolve that all can support. It should be understood that if a positive resolve cannot be reached, we are prepared to pursue all available avenues; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to the, University President, J. Michael Ortiz, The University Academic Senate, Fee Advisory Committee, The Poly Post, the ASI Senate and students at Cal Poly Pomona.

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