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Amendments to Student Opportunities Initiative

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Article I: Background

Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) Senate Bill (SB) 2002-03:02 entitled “The Student Opportunities Initiative” (hereinafter referred to as the Initiative) was passed to solidify ASI’s full commitment to the provision of quality programs, services and facilities to current and future students of Cal Poly Pomona in order to support their academic success, enrich their college experience and enhance their career preparation efforts.” The Initiative recognized the importance of stable funding support and affirmed the need for an ASI and Bronco Student Center (BSC) fee structure that was supportive of growing needs and responsive to the impact of inflation on the cost of providing these facilities, programs and services.

The Initiative indexed the ASI and BSC fees to inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County areas. In addition, the Initiative also increased ASI and BSC fees to more current levels after several years of no fee adjustments.

The Initiative provided a fee allocation structure based on designated dollar amounts per student and prescribed percentage distributions for specific student organizations. Any changes to the allocations for organizations in the Initiative were required to be accomplished through a student referendum.

The Initiative obtained a favorable student advisory vote and final approval by the University President. It took effect during fiscal year 2003-04 during which ASI and BSC fees were adjusted and annual adjustments for inflation were put into effect the following year.

In 2012-13, a Student Success Fee was proposed and approved in order to generate revenue to benefit students through enhanced academic success, expanded technology resources, increased campus pride, support for diversity and veteran programs and a proposed student project laboratory.
A designated portion of the Student Success Fee revenue shall provide stable funding for athletics and the tutoring program. From fiscal year 2013-14 through 2015-16, this designated fee revenue will gradually replace the funding for Athletics from the ASI and Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) annual budgets and free up these resources for other purposes consistent with the intended use of ASI and IRA funds. Revenue from the Student Success Fee shall fully cover all ASI funding for athletics by fiscal year 2016-17, with the exception of the allocation for the Sports and Recreation Facilities Enhancement Account. ASI funding support for the tutoring program will be fully covered by Student Success Fee revenue effective 2013-14.

Article II: Purpose

The purposes of this Senate Bill are to:
- Preserve ASI’s commitment to the provision of quality programs, services and facilities to current and future students and provide stable funding support for these,
- Maintain a fee structure that is responsive to the growing and changing needs of the student body,
- Recognize the reality of the impact of inflation on the cost of providing these facilities, programs and services,
- Acknowledge the declining state support for the CSU and impact on enrollment and fee revenue,
- Continue to uphold the applicable elements of the Student Opportunities Initiative (SB2002-03:02) that continue to be relevant and in line with the current and future environment in which ASI operates in, and
- Incorporate the impact of the Student Success Fee on the ASI Budget and allocate funds that are freed up

This Senate Bill does not propose a new fee or adjust the ASI and BSC fee amounts.

Article III: Amendments

Section I: Fee Allocations

A. Academic Councils
The allocation for academic councils is currently set at $9.00 per student for the 2012-13 fiscal year. The allocation per student shall increase over the next four years and thereafter be adjusted annually for inflation.

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ASI annual budget support for each academic council shall be based on the projected average headcount enrollment for fall, winter and spring quarters, by college, for the upcoming budget year, as provided by the University.

B. At-Large Councils
The allocation for at-large councils is currently set at $6.43 per student for the 2012-13 fiscal year. The allocation per student shall increase over the next four years and thereafter be adjusted for inflation.

2013-14 $8.00/student  
2014-15 8.50/student  
2015-16 9.00/student  
2016-17 10.00/student

ASI annual budget support shall continue to be proportionately allocated among the three at-large councils according to the breakdown provided below and shall be subject to the requirement that the council has been chartered for the year.

a. Greek Council 26%  
b. Multicultural Council 37%  
c. Student Interest Council 37%

C. Heritage Programs
The allocation for heritage programs is currently set at $2.58 per student for the 2012-13 fiscal year. This amount shall increase over the next four years and thereafter be adjusted annually for inflation.

2013-14 $3.00/student  
2014-15 3.25/student  
2015-16 3.50/student  
2016-17 4.00/student

ASI annual budget funds shall be equally allocated among the ASI recognized heritage programs which include but are not limited to the:

a. Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Program,  
b. Black History Program,  
c. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Program,  
d. Native American History Program,  
e. Women’s Herstory Program, and  
f. Xicano Latino Heritage Program
New heritage programs seeking ASI funding require approval by a majority vote of the seated ASI Senate. All heritage program funds shall be directly managed and distributed to respective groups by ASI.

D. Athletics

ASI budget support for athletic scholarships shall be reduced over the next three years and be at zero ASI funding by the 2016-17 fiscal year. The annual amounts to be funded by ASI shall be in line with the amounts agreed upon between ASI and the University. The reduction in funding to athletics shall be covered by the University from designated Student Success Fee revenue.

In compliance with the ASI Athletic Fee initiative approved in 1999-2000, ASI shall continue to contribute $25,000 per academic quarter or $75,000 per academic year to the Sports and Recreation Facilities Enhancement Account.

E. ASI Annually Budgeted Groups

ASI annually budgeted groups shall be subject to the ASI annual budget process. The annually budgeted groups shall receive ASI fee revenue annual allocations with a 2/3 approval vote of the seated ASI Senate and final approval from the University.

Article IV: Annual Inflationary Adjustment

A. ASI and BSC fees shall be adjusted annually for inflation based on the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), in compliance with the directive of the University President dated January 28, 2013.

B. The ASI Executive Director shall coordinate with the University and inform the Fee Advisory Committee annually about the HEPI inflation adjustment for the following year, at a scheduled meeting of the Committee during winter quarter.

C. The annual adjustment for inflation based on HEPI shall be effective with the subsequent summer quarter.

D. The annual adjustment for inflation shall be limited to the following adjustment range:
   a. The maximum annual inflation adjustment shall not exceed 10%. Any increase beyond 10% shall be presented to and voted on by the ASI Senate.
   b. The minimum amount shall not be below the zero percentage mark during periods of zero or negative inflation.
Article V: Financial Stipulations

A. An annual allocation shall be set aside for ASI Reserves, as provided below. The amounts to be allocated to ASI Prior Years I, II, III and the New Programs and Augmentations account shall be determined through a two-thirds vote of the seated ASI Senate during the ASI annual budget process. This allocation shall be subject to an annual adjustment for inflation after fiscal year 2016-17.

2013-14  $7.00/student
2014-15  8.00/student
2015-16  9.00/student
2016-17  10.00/student

B. An annual allocation shall be made to fund the postretirement obligations of the organization until said obligation is fully funded, as provided below. This allocation shall be subject to an annual adjustment for inflation after fiscal year 2016-17.

2013-14  $1.50/student
2014-15  2.00/student
2015-16  2.50/student
2016-17  3.00/student

C. The dollar and percentage allocations established for organizations outlined in this Senate Bill shall be changed through a student referendum and with final approval by the University.

D. The ASI Senate reserves the right to repossess, by a majority vote, carryover from any organization with designated dollar and percentage allocations in this Senate Bill that has been inactive for two years.

E. The ASI Senate reserves the right to repossess, by a majority vote, funding for an entity or obligation that ceases to exist or function in an ASI-funded capacity.

F. The ASI Senate may reallocate funds that have been repossessed in accordance with financial stipulations (D) and (E) above with a two-thirds vote of the ASI Senate. A student referendum is not required for this reallocation of funds.

G. Organizations covered by this Senate Bill shall abide by ASI, University, California State University (CSU) regulations, as well as state and federal law, and are subject to restriction of their funds until they are in compliance.
Article VI: Justification for Allocations

A. Academic Councils – Funding for academic councils supports individual college based programs and services for students. Additional funds shall support students in their field of study through career networking and hands-on learning experiences. Funding through the academic councils shall enable students and organizations to sponsor events that expose students to their fields of academic study on and off campus.

B. Greek Council – The Greek Council consists of over 30 fraternities and sororities on campus and hosts various events during the year. Events include, but are not limited to: philanthropic activities, alcohol awareness, academic and/or extracurricular recognition, etc. The funding support shall also help the Greek community to augment and implement new programs sponsored by Greek Council.

C. Multicultural Council – The Multicultural Council serves as a vehicle for improving communication between and among over 40 diverse student organizations that represent a variety of ethnic backgrounds and cultures and within the entire student body. The diversity of the programs supported by ASI funding will help augment and implement new programs sponsored by the Council to benefit the student body.

D. Student Interest Council – The Student Interest Council includes over 50 organizations that represent a variety of different student interest groups. The Council includes student groups which are involved in service learning, environmental projects and general student interests.

E. Heritage Programs – The Heritage Programs, inspired by nationally-recognized diversity history programs, include year-around educational and cultural programming. The funding support via Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Program; Black History Program; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Program; Native American History Program; Women’s Herstory Program and Xicano Latino Heritage Program provides a broad diversity experience for all students throughout the academic year.

F. Sports and Recreation Facilities – The regular maintenance and periodic enhancements of sports and recreation facilities play a key role in the provision of quality athletics and recreation programs for students and the campus community. The Sports and Recreation Facilities Enhancement Account shall serve as a source of funding support for this purpose and be overseen by the Facilities Enhancement Committee composed of student and campus representatives.

G. ASI Annually Budgeted Groups – ASI annually budgeted groups represent the core infrastructure for serving students and the campus through advocacy for the needs of students and the delivery of quality facilities, programs and services. The funding support provides for student government, professional management of the corporation, qualified staff, resources and overhead requirements of the organization.

This Senate Bill supersedes the provisions of Senate Bill 2002-03:02 (Student Opportunities Initiative), Senate Bill 2005-06:03 (Annual Inflationary Adjustment for ASI Fees) and Senate Bill 2009-10:03 (Amendment to SB 2002-03:02) and is in compliance with University and CSU policies and regulations.