



## Board of Directors 2023-2024

### Resolution in Opposition of the CSU Multi Year Tuition Increase & University Call To Action

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Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of the California State University, Los Angeles Associated Students, Incorporated and Approved on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

**WHEREAS**, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA) is the recognized voice of nearly 25,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population while igniting students' potential and empowering their voices for the betterment of CSULA students; and

**WHEREAS**, Cal State LA upholds/Prides itself on the ranking of being #1 in upward mobility<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees is responsible for the oversight of the entire CSU system and adopting rules, regulations, and policies that govern the CSU<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State University Chancellor's Office is proposing a 6% annual increase that would be effective as of Fall 2024 and would continue with a 5 year review and could continue indefinitely; and

**WHEREAS**, 60% of enrolled undergraduate students mainly have their tuition covered by grants, scholarships, or waivers<sup>3</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, FAFSA will experience major changes for the 2024-25 school year such as replacing Expected Family Contribution (EFC) with the Student Aid Index (SAI) and modifications to Family Definitions in FAFSA® Formulas; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal does not clearly define how 40% of students would be affected by the tuition proposal (IE middle class, undocumented, international, grant ineligible); and

**THEREFORE**, Associated Students Incorporated of California State University, Los Angeles, opposes the CSU Multi-Year tuition increase; and

<sup>1</sup> <https://news.calstatela.edu/2021/08/31/cal-state-la-continues-rank-one-nations-top-universities/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/Pages/default.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Documents/24-25-TUITION-PROPOSAL.pdf>



**THEREFORE**, the ASI Board of Directors expects the Chancellor's Office to be transparent in the correlation between increased tuition and its potential of widening the equity gap in graduation rates, and thus continuing to fail to meet the goals of Graduation Initiative 2025; and let it be further,

**THEREFORE**, the Chancellor's office should review and financially reflect on the percentage of undergraduate students every year with the new adjustments of the FAFSA application; and let it be further,

**THEREFORE**, the Chancellor's office should be aware that tuition increase would detrimentally affect enrollment throughout all 23 campuses and let it be further,

**THEREFORE**, the Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, Los Angeles, calls to action the University administration to work closely with the ASI President and Board of Directors for strategic planning on the allocation of the University budget.

**THEREFORE**, the Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, Los Angeles, calls to action the Division for Student Life to work closely with the ASI President and Board of Directors to ensure adequate holistic support for all student-focused organizations under their purview.

**THEREFORE**, the Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, Los Angeles, calls to action the Dean of Students Office to work closely with the ASI President and Board of Directors to continually work on initiatives addressing rising student needs as a result of the tuition increase.

**THEREFORE**, the Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, Los Angeles, calls to action the Academic Senate to work closely with the ASI President and Board of Directors on developing policies to promote accessible student registration and reduce student out-of-pocket costs.

**THEREFORE**, the Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, Los Angeles, calls to action the University administration to work closely with the ASI President and Board of Directors for strategic planning on the operation of the University budget.

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