Title: CSUN A.S.’ Stance on the CSU Sustainable Financial Model

1. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. (A.S.) is the official voice of over 40,000 students at California State University Northridge; AND

2. WHEREAS: A.S. is the primary advocate for students at CSUN and provides excellent, meaningful programs and services designed to create and enhance a spirited, learning-focused campus environment; AND

3. WHEREAS: The State of California is committed to providing affordable, accessible, and quality public higher education through the Master Plan for Higher Education, AND

4. WHEREAS: The California State University (CSU) has recently faced substantial budget cuts from the state, including a reduction of $750 million in 2011-2012 alone resulting in another tuition increase, raising the cost of undergraduate attendance from $1,428 in 2001 to an estimated $5,970 in 2012; AND

5. WHEREAS: Proposition 30, the piece of state legislation that froze tuition hikes until 2016-2017 by temporarily increasing taxes for the state of California is coming to an end and no new legislation has been set forth to renew funding for the education system; AND

6. WHEREAS: CSU Chancellor Timothy White appointed a Task Force for a Sustainable Financial Model for the CSU that recommended the CSU and the state to consider new approaches of funding the Universities’ operational and infrastructure needs; AND
WHEREAS: According to CSU Mentor 93% of CSUN full time undergraduates determined to have a financial aid need; AND

WHEREAS: According to CSU Mentor the average CSUN student debt upon graduation amount is of $14,000; AND

WHEREAS: CSUN was honored as a National Role Model of Diversity, comprising of 40% Latino undergraduate students, 55% undergraduate women students, approximately 30% are first-generation college students and half of CSUN undergraduate students are from low-income families and CSUN also enrolls the largest number of international students attending a public comprehensive university; AND

WHEREAS: The report recommends a policy that authorizes an annual 2% increase in tuition stating it could provide a significant revenue source for the CSU while being predictable and reasonable for students and their families; AND

WHEREAS: The report recommends the development of a Capital Facilities Fee to sustain adequate infrastructure and deferred maintenance costs; AND

WHEREAS: The report recommends and short term recommendation that the Chancellor or his designee set discretionary parameters for the State University Grant (SUG) tuition discount program and a long term recommendation that the Chancellor's Office monitors the rate of growth of tuitions discounts from 2015 - 2016 to 2017 - 2018, THEREFORE LET IT BE

RESOLVED: A.S. is against the passing of the CSU Sustainable Financial Model in its current state; AND LET IT BE FURTHER

RESOLVED: A.S. believes students should not have the responsibility of paying state owned facilities and its deferred maintenance; AND LET IT BE FURTHER

RESOLVED: A.S. will not tolerate any type of Capital Facilities Fee either through referendum or alternative consultation seeing that the CSU is a public entity whose land is owned by the state of California; AND LET IT BE FURTHER

RESOLVED: A.S. believes that non-resident students should not be exploited with predatory financing and unstructured fee increases; AND LET IT BE FURTHER
5. RESOLVED: A.S. believes State University Grant changes should ensure there is not a decrease in the number of students who receive that type of financial aid; AND LET IT BE FURTHER

6. RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including but not limited to the following:

- Barack Obama, President, United States of America
- Jerry Brown, California Governor
- Timothy White, CSU Chancellor
- CSU Board of Trustees
- U.S. / CA Department of Education
- Taylor Herren, President, California State Student Association
- Miles Nevin, Executive Director, California State Student Association
- Meredith Vivian, Assistant Executive Director and Chief Governmental Officer, California State Student Association
- Dianne Harrison, President, CSUN
- Yi Li, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs
- William Watkins, Vice President of Student Affairs & Dean of Students
- Adam Swenson, President, Faculty Senate
- The University Student Union
- CSUN Faculty Senate
- The Daily News
- The Sundial
- CSUN Today

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