

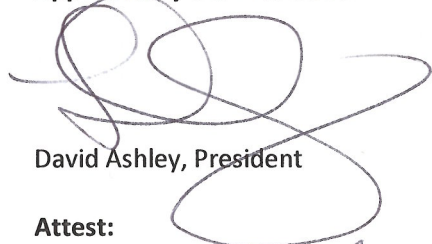
**SGR-13-01**  
**September 4, 2012**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR BROWN'S TAX INITIATIVE PROPOSAL**

- WHEREAS,** The mission of California State University Channel Islands (CI) Student Government (SG) is to place the students at the center of our educational experience by leading with integrity and selflessly serving the students and the University on a local, state, and national level; and
- WHEREAS,** CI SG serves as the official representative voice of CI students; and
- WHEREAS,** CI SG is an entity of Associated Students of California State University Channel Islands, Incorporated (ASI); and
- 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; 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 2012<sup>1</sup>; 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 education<sup>2</sup>; 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 in order to balance the budget; and
- WHEREAS,** The California higher education systems face automatic "trigger cuts" of \$250 million for the both the CSU and University of California (UC) systems, and \$548.5 million to the California Community College (CCC) system if voters do not approve the Governor's Tax Initiative in November<sup>3</sup>; 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 academic year; and
- WHEREAS,** The California State Student Association (CSSA) has approved a resolution in support of Governor Brown's Tax Initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** The CSU Board of Trustees has officially endorsed the Governor's Tax Initiative Proposal<sup>4</sup>; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the students of CI affirm CSSA's Resolution (CSSA-06-12)<sup>5</sup>; and be it further

- RESOLVED,** That the students of CI supports the Governor's Tax Initiative and its dedication of funds to education and a balanced state budget; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That CI SG will take an active role in advocating for higher education, its benefits to the state of California, and the issues affecting CI to state and local representatives, as well as the general public; and be it finally
- RESOLVED,** That both the CI SG Director of Communication and the CI SG Director of Operations distribute copies of this resolution widely, including, but not limited to: CSU Board of Trustees; the California State Student Association (CSSA); Dr. Richard R. Rush, President of CSU Channel Islands; Dr. Dawn Neuman, CI Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer, CI Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Ysabel Trinidad, CI Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Genevieve Evans-Taylor, CI ASI Executive Director; Celina Zacarias, CI Director of Community and Governmental Relations; Tania Garcia, CI Director of Development, Alumni Relations; Leah G. Alvarado Alarcon, CI Associate Director of Student Success Programs; Alumni & Friends Board of Directors; ASI Board of Directors; CSU Campus Presidents; CSU Associated Students; CI View Student Newspaper; Island News; The University of California Student Association (UCSA); Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC); The United States Student Association (USSA); California Faculty Association (CFA); California Teachers Association; the Sacramento Bee; the Ventura County Star; the Camarillo Acorn; Assemblyman Jeff Gorrell; Assemblywoman Julia Brownly; Assemblyman Das Williams; State Senator Tony Strickland; Governor Jerry Brown; the office of California Assembly Speaker John Pérez; the office of California Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg; the office of California Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway; and the office of California Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff.

**Approved by the President:**



David Ashley, President

**Approved by vote of the Senate:**



Steven Jordan, Vice President

**Attest:**



Corey Kniss, Director of Operations

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>
4. CSU Board of Trustees Resolution (RGR 7-12-05): <http://www.calstate.edu/BOT/Resolutions/Jul2012.pdf>
5. CSSA Resolution: <http://www.csustudents.org/publicresources/resolutions/documents/Master%20Copy%20of%20Resolutions-09.09.10/2011-2015/Resolution-in-Support-of-Prop-30.pdf>

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