



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS

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### **A Resolution in Opposition to the California State University Multi-Year Tuition Increase Proposal**

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**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 CI SG serves as the official representative voice of CI students; and

**WHEREAS**, CI SG is an entity of Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University Channel Islands; 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 which govern the CSU<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CSU Board of Trustees budget priorities are the Graduation 2025 Initiative, enrollment growth, academic facilities and campus infrastructure, employee compensation, and mandatory costs<sup>2</sup>; and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/Pages/about-the-bot.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Documents/24-25-TUITION-PROPOSAL.pdf>

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the CSU to provide high quality accessible and affordable education to all; and

**WHEREAS**, there has not been a tuition increase since the 2017-2018 academic school year<sup>3</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CSU Board of Trustees is considering a Multi-Year Tuition Proposal that would increase tuition rates by 6% beginning of the 2024-2025 Academic Year and will continue indefinitely pending a 5-year review<sup>4</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, a new student entering the CSU during 2024-2025 will have to pay \$342 more, \$708 more in 2025-2026, \$1098 more in 2026-2027, \$1506 more in 2027-2028, \$1940 more in 2028-2029<sup>5</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, a new nonresident student entering the CSU during 2024-25 will have to pay \$420 per unit each semester, \$444 in 2025-26, \$471 in 2026-27, \$498 in 2027-28, and \$528 in 2028-29<sup>6</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, 40% of nearly 457,000 CSU Students will be affected directly by the tuition increase<sup>7</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multi-Year Tuition Proposal does not include how the 40% of students (whom consist of Undocumented, International, Middle Class students) will be affected by the tuition increase nor does it include avenues of alleviating financial burden for these students<sup>8</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, if a student were to borrow additional funds to cover the proposed tuition increase, average indebtedness would increase<sup>9</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, as of August 15th, 2023, 19% of CSU Channel Islands students do not receive financial aid and will be directly impacted by the tuition increase<sup>10</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multi-Year Tuition Proposal explicitly states that there is no guarantee that the state will increase Cal Grant awards if the CSU annually raises tuition<sup>11</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multi-Year Tuition Proposal states that for students who work to meet their full cost of attendance, at the current minimum wage of \$15.50 per hours, a resident undergraduate student would need to work approximately 166 additional hours over a four-year academic

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/CSU-Trustees-Approve-Tuition-Increase.aspx>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Documents/24-25-TUITION-PROPOSAL.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Pages/proposed-tuition-adjustments.aspx>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Pages/proposed-tuition-adjustments.aspx>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/about-the-csu/facts-about-the-csu/enrollment>

<sup>8</sup> [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HKP9Ie\\_doriA\\_8gwKhrM6vH-azQxr3sl/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HKP9Ie_doriA_8gwKhrM6vH-azQxr3sl/view)

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Documents/24-25-TUITION-PROPOSAL.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/campuses/channel-islands/Pages/cost-and-financial-aid.aspx>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Documents/24-25-TUITION-PROPOSAL.pdf>

career to cover the additional \$2,286 of tuition for a full-time undergraduate student entering the CSU in 2024-2025<sup>12</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the comparison of working more hours to cover tuition does not apply to students who do not have the same privileges to work such as Undocumented Students who do not have DACA; and

**WHEREAS**, CSU Channel Islands' enrollment consists of 61% of First Generation College Students, who historically have a substantially more difficult time navigating financial aid and higher education, come from marginalized, lower socioeconomic, and underrepresented backgrounds<sup>13</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal does not explicitly commit resources for Basic Needs, mental health and psychological services, or any specific programs that support students on campus; and

**WHEREAS**, the rising cost of education and housing has led to an alarming increase in student homelessness, with 10.9% of CSU students experiencing homelessness one or more times in the last 12 months<sup>14</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Never-ending tuition increases disproportionately affect low-income and marginalized students, perpetuating inequality within the education system<sup>15</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, 62% of first-time students graduate within 6 years, this proposal translates to an almost 40% tuition increase over the course of their pursuit of an undergraduate degrees<sup>16</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CSU has raised the salary and benefits for the Presidents nearly 7% annually, the highest pay raise CSU executives have seen in 12 years<sup>17</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State Student Association voted unanimously 23-0 to oppose the Multi-Year Tuition Proposal on July 9th, 2023<sup>18</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multi-Year Tuition Proposal was introduced and discussed in the Summer of 2023 during a time where there is significantly lower enrollment across the CSU; resulting in the lack of student input, awareness, and involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees will vote upon the implementation of the Multi-Year Tuition Proposal on September 12-13th, 2023<sup>19</sup>; and

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<sup>12</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Documents/24-25-TUITION-PROPOSAL.pdf>

<sup>13</sup> <https://oneci.csuci.edu/t/IRPEGuest/views/Admissions/AdmissionsFunnel?%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%3Aembed=y&%3Aiid=1&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y>

<sup>14</sup> [https://www.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/student-success/basic-needs-initiative/Documents/BasicNeedsStudy\\_phaseII\\_withAccessibilityComments.pdf](https://www.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/student-success/basic-needs-initiative/Documents/BasicNeedsStudy_phaseII_withAccessibilityComments.pdf)

<sup>15</sup> [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HKP9le\\_doriA\\_8gwKhrM6vH-azQxr3sl/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HKP9le_doriA_8gwKhrM6vH-azQxr3sl/view)

<sup>16</sup> [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HKP9le\\_doriA\\_8gwKhrM6vH-azQxr3sl/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HKP9le_doriA_8gwKhrM6vH-azQxr3sl/view)

<sup>17</sup> <https://edsource.org/2022/cal-state-presidents-to-see-at-least-7-salary-increase/675482>

<sup>18</sup> <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Aascds%3AUS%3A65f96672-eafc-3552-9c1b-09820b75e46e>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Documents/24-25-TUITION-PROPOSAL.pdf>

**RESOLVED**, that CSU Channel Islands Student Government stands in opposition to the Multi-Year Tuition Proposal; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Student Government urges the office of the Chancellor explore alternative solutions to funding such as increasing state funding, freezing salary raises for administrators, and allocating resources more efficiently; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that Student Government supports statewide advocacy efforts that will contribute to an affordable CSU system; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that Student Government urges the CSU and CSU Channel Islands to expand support mechanism such as scholarships, work-study programs, and financial literacy resources, for all students; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that Student Government demands for student input to be included, considered, and valued within the first 5-year review and all ongoing tuition increase reviews as described in the Multi-Year Tuition Proposal; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that Student Government calls for greater transparency and increased accountability measures in the allocation of funds and budget decisions within the CSU system; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that Student Government will actively engage with the California State Student Association in their State advocacy efforts during California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) for more substantial State funding and policy changes that address the root causes of tuition increases; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that Student Government President Navarrete, along with other CSU campus leaders, will attend the Board of Trustees meeting to oppose the Multi-Year Tuition Proposal during Public Comment; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that SG urges the CSU Board of Trustees to prioritize current and future CSU System students to better reflect the current needs of the diverse CSU Channel Islands student body; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that the CSU Board of Trustees stand in solidarity with the CSU students in advocating to the Governor of California and all California State Legislatures with the intention to fully fund the needs of the CSU students; and let it be finally

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution be distributed to the California State University Board of Trustees, California State Student Association, the Governor of California, the California State Senator of the 19<sup>th</sup> district, the California State Assembly Member of the 42<sup>nd</sup> district, Congressional Representative of the 26<sup>th</sup> district, and the following CSU Channel Islands departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: Office of the President, the President's Advisory Board, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, Office of the Vice President for University Advancement, Office of the Dean of Students, CSU Channel Islands Student Body, the Academic Senate, and California Faculty Association.



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