

**BOD 2017 - 2018 - 5R - Resolution Against the 2018 - 2019 Tuition Increase**

**WHEREAS**, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 16,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate for and provide responsible and effective leadership to a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

**WHEREAS**, about one in 10 of California State University's 460,000 students is homeless<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 8% to 12% of Cal State's students are homeless, and 21% to 24% are food insecure<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, one in five CSU students go hungry and have to decide between paying for school and supplies or eating<sup>3</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees already approved a 2017 tuition increase of 5% which increased tuition by \$270 a year for undergraduates<sup>4</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, if passed, the Board of Trustees would be approving an additional tuition increase of \$228 a year for undergraduates, \$264 for credential programs, and \$432 for graduate students beginning in Fall 2018<sup>5</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 California State University, East Bay had an average student debt of \$19,276 and had 53% graduate with loan debt<sup>6</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, many students turn to private loans due to financial aid ineligibility and exhausting federal loans and not being fully aware of the financial impact of private loan borrowing; be it therefore

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-cal-state-homelessness-20160620-snap-story.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-cal-state-homelessness-20160620-snap-story.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://coyotechronicle.net/ending-student-hunger-on-csu-campuses/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/CSU-Trustees-Approve-Tuition-Increase.aspx>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Pages/proposed-tuition-adjustments.aspx>

<sup>6</sup> <https://lendedu.com/blog/student-loan-debt-statistics-by-school-by-state-2017#California>



**RESOLVED**, that California State University, East Bay (CSUEB)'s Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) is committed to the well-being and health of the students during their college career and after graduation; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that CSUEB ASI is committed to advocating for a more financially stable education for all students; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that CSUEB ASI encourage the Office of Financial Aid to inform the students of possible financial substitutes and offer quarterly financial literacy workshops for enrolled students; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that CSUEB ASI encourages the Board of Trustees to identify other viable funding sources and not approve the tuition increase of 2018-2019; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that CSUEB ASI does not support nor will we advocate for the tuition increase; be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that copies of the resolution be distributed to the Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of Financial Aid, California State Student Association, the Office of the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees, and any other relevant parties.

Approved on: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

ASI President:

Approved by: ASI Board of Directors 2017-2018



## **BOD 2017 - 2018 - 6R - Support for RISE California's Campaign for Free College Tuition**

**WHEREAS**, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 16,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate for and provide responsible and effective leadership to a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

**WHEREAS**, state funding currently covers approximately one-half of California State University's operating costs, compared to nearly 80% in the 1990s<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2008 recession, the state of California slashed nearly one-third of its support to the California State University system<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, between 2006-2011, tuition more than doubled, to \$5,472<sup>3</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, there was a tuition increase proposed and approved by the Board of Trustees in the 2017-2018 academic year<sup>4</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees are currently proposing another tuition increase for the 2018-2019 academic year<sup>5</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, RISE California is a student-led, non-profit 501(c)<sup>4</sup>, statewide organization that is focused on free tuition for all public higher education institutions in California; and

**WHEREAS**, RISE California is building a coalition of students and allies to restore the promise of free college tuition in California by:

1. **Eliminating college tuition** to expand access to public, higher education
2. **Protect students from debt** by helping cover additional costs of college
3. **Invest in public colleges and universities** so they can graduate more students<sup>6</sup>; and

<sup>1</sup><http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-essential-education-updates-southern-after-six-years-of-freeze-will-cal-1490192806-htmlstory.html>

<sup>2</sup><http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-essential-education-updates-southern-after-six-years-of-freeze-will-cal-1490192806-htmlstory.html>

<sup>3</sup><http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-essential-education-updates-southern-after-six-years-of-freeze-will-cal-1490192806-htmlstory.html>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-cal-state-tuition-20170322-story.html>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Pages/proposed-tuition-adjustment-detail.aspx>

<sup>6</sup> <https://carise.org/how-we-work/>

*"Students working for Students!"*



**WHEREAS**, RISE California is a non-partisan organization and is not affiliated with any political party nor are they affiliated with any political candidate; and

**WHEREAS**, RISE California will never explicitly ask nor expect any funding from a CSUEB student organization; including ASI or any students at-large, to donate money in support of their efforts; be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, the CSUEB ASI Board of Directors officially supports RISE California and their mission for free college tuition; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, CSUEB ASI encourages the ASI Legislative Affairs Committee to assist in efforts to inform students about free tuition initiatives through tabling, flyers, lobbying groups, and city wide campaigns; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that CSUEB ASI will allow RISE California to assist in their efforts to inform CSUEB students by allowing them to table, speak on panels and forums, and collaborate on events; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that CSUEB ASI will support, advocate and lobby for free tuition at the state legislature; be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that copies of the resolution be distributed to the Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of Financial Aid, California State Student Association, the Office of the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees, RISE California and any other relevant parties.

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