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Resolution in Support of Preserving the Significance and Relative Placement of the Agora Stage

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 and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, the Agora plaque and rock has historically been located nearby the Music building; and

WHEREAS, the current placement of the Agora plaque and rock was dedicated as the Agora Stage in 1988 and has served as a student space for events, relaxation, and presentation ever since;² and

WHEREAS, the CSU East Bay Policy on Time, Place, and Manner of Free Expression specifically designates the Agora stage and the "speaker's corner" patio opposite the University Unions as "public forums in which all members of the University community and non University community may exercise their free speech rights without special restriction;" and

WHEREAS, that the CSUEB chapter of the California Faculty Association passed a resolution, in which they called on the CSUEB Administration to modify the plan for the CORE building to preserve Agora Stage;⁴ therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Agora Stage should be maintained as a public forum and a place of symbolic elevation of free expression; and let it be further

¹ See ADDENDUM 1

² See ADDENDUM 2

³ California State University, East Bay. (July 23, 2007). *Policy on Time, Place, and Manner of Free Expression*. Retrieved from: https://dfkpq46c119o7.cloudfront.net/pdfs/92b024e86a9f71fbe348f0275bab1c15.pdf

⁴ CFA East Bay Chapter Executive Board. (November 26, 2018). Resolution Regarding the Preservation of the Agora Stage. California Faculty Association (CFA).



RESOLVED, that the location of the Agora Stage should remain nearby the University Unions as a central location of the campus and should include a clearly designated space for students to utilize for the purposes that students have used the Agora Stage for since its dedication in 1988; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the CSUEB Academic Senate, the Office of Student Life & Leadership, and all other relevant parties.

Approved On: Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Myles Watkins
ASI President

Ryan, Finazzo
ASI Chair of the Board

Approved by: ASI Board of Directors 2018-2019



ADDENDUM 1

"Photograph of The Agora plaque and students by the Music and Business Building" (c. 1964)
Provided by the California State University, East Bay University Archives
Retrieved from Calisphere: http://www.oac.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/c8vh5mjz/?order=1





ADDENDUM 2

"Slide of the Agora stage dedication plaque" (February, 1988)
Provided by the California State University, East Bay University Archives
Retrieved from Calisphere: https://oac.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/c89c6w3g/?brand=oac4

