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Resolution to Address Impacts of Spring Course Cuts to Students

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 12,000 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 Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for ensuring the quality of our students' education and that our faculty and staff have the tools they need to create a successful learning experience ¹; and

WHEREAS, former Provost Walt Jacobs conducted a meeting on October 6 with the Deans and Chairs that the spring schedule needed to be cut by 1/3 to meet budget needs and later expressing lack of communication with Senate and President Sandeen about the extent of changes²; and

WHEREAS, in response to a faculty petition, President Sandeen convened a meeting with the university faculty on the subject of the significant reduction to the Spring 2024 schedule of classes Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 12:15pm-1:15pm by Zoom³; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walt Jacobs has resigned and Dr. Kimberly Greer has agreed to serve as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cal State East Bay beginning November 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the CSUEB students and faculty have expressed a lack of communication from the administration on addressing the spring cuts; and

¹ <https://www.csueastbay.edu/oa/>

² <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R9Kyg5il1gKICvh5SCcG2xtTMdS-bII0KVmu-3TgtsE/edit>

³ <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R9Kyg5il1gKICvh5SCcG2xtTMdS-bII0KVmu-3TgtsE/edit>



WHEREAS, the students have raised spring enrollment concerns about high waitlists, little to no choices on courses, inconvenient times, and more online asynchronous classes; and

WHEREAS, the international students at CSUEB constitute a significant and valued part of our diverse campus and it is a fact proudly highlighted on CSUEB’s official websites and YouTube channels; and

WHEREAS, the recent budget cuts and changes affecting the spring semester have raised concerns among international students regarding their academic and personal well-being. International students face elevated tuition fees and receive no university support in terms of financial assistance, such as scholarships or on-campus opportunities; and

WHEREAS, international students face unique challenges, including visa regulations, financial considerations, and living expenses, because the budget cuts impact international students by reducing the number of working hours available for their on-campus employment; and

WHEREAS, the California State University Chancellor’s Office has notified that any campus missing its enrollment target by 10% or more will permanently lose up to 5% of its state enrollment funding effective for the 2024-25 school year⁴; and

WHEREAS, President Sandeen addressed that CSUEB is approximately 2,500 Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) below target⁵; and

WHEREAS, CSU Channel Islands, Chico State, Cal Poly Humboldt, Cal Maritime, Sonoma State, and San Francisco State are also missing their enrollment targets by 10% or more⁶; and

WHEREAS, ASI President Nolan Calara and ASI Director of Sustainability Hailey Corum addressed in public comment on November 7th during the Board of Trustees meeting about addressing the spring cuts and missing enrollment targets on a CSU systemwide level; and

⁴ <https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2023/01/college-enrollment-decline-csu-funding-penalty/>

⁵ <https://www.csueastbay.edu/administration/sandeen-messages/financial-stability-process-memo.html>

⁶ <https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2023/01/college-enrollment-decline-csu-funding-penalty/>



WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees Committee on Educational Policy met on September 10-13, voted to reaffirm a prior process of performance review of existing degree major programs from 1971; and

WHEREAS, President Sandeen emailed all employees with information about the CSU Directive on Low Degree Conferring Programs on October 31⁷; and be it therefore

RESOLVED, ASI commits to addressing the students with a detailed guide of what to expect and insight from the four College Deans, Assistant Deans, President, Interim Provost, Academic Senate, and any other people recommended by the ASI Board of Directors; and let it be further

RESOLVED, The Administration should provide more transparency and advance notice for ASI, Academic Senate, and University faculty on what to expect for future budget cuts; and let it be further

RESOLVED, Collective efforts from the university should be carried out to look into more grants, scholarship opportunities, or financial aid for students during the winter and summer sessions so that students are not left with the only option of taking courses at the community colleges; and let it be further

RESOLVED, it is crucial to ensure that any changes in the university's policies and programs consider the impact on international students and address their specific needs;

RESOLVED, it is crucial to prioritize international students for on-campus jobs and provide additional financial support services as on-campus employment opportunities for international students are diminished compared to previous years;

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<https://www.csueastbay.edu/administration/sandeen-messages/csu-directive-on-low-degree-conferring-programs.html>



RESOLVED, ASI Board of Directors will work with Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Kimberly Greer on acknowledging and minimizing the burdens students may face with the spring cuts; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB continues the discussion with other CSUs mainly impacted by the decline in enrollment and advocates on the systemwide level the importance of providing more instead of reducing resources for underperforming Cal State Schools; and letting it be further

RESOLVED, ASI urges the administration to refrain from eliminating low degree-conferring programs, recognizing the importance of maintaining academic diversity and providing opportunities for all students to pursue their educational interests and goals; and let it be further

RESOLVED, Student representation should be considered more often when task forces or committees are made from the CSUEB President's Office; and

RESOLVED, CSUEB looks into auxiliaries, University Housing and Residence Life and Parking and Transportation, directly impacted by the increase of online over in-person instruction; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB investigates how the increase in online courses may pose difficulties for students in establishing meaningful connections and assesses the broader impact on their mental well-being; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to our University President Cathy Sandeen, Chief of Staff to the President Derek Aitken, Executive Assistant to the President of CSUEB Anthony Tabinas, the Vice President for Student Affairs Suzanne Espinoza, Interim Provost Kimberly Greer, University Diversity Officer Kathleen Wong (Lau), Vice President of Administration and Finance Myeshia Armstrong, Vice President of University Advancement Evelyn Buchanan, Academic Senate Chair Christina Chin Newman, Academic Senate Vice Chair Kyzyl Fenno-Smith, CFA Eastbay President Jeff Newcomb, Director of University Housing & Commercial Services My-Lan Huynh, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Auxiliary Services Mark Almeida, Manager of Parking and Alternative Transportation



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Authored by: Nolan Calara, *President/CEO*

Approved On:

ASI President/CEO does hereby [] *approves* / [] *refuses to approve* this resolution.


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