



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, CSUH


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RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CURRENT PLAN TO REQUIRE STUDENTS TO PURCHASE PERSONAL COMPUTERS


- Whereas,** The Associated Students of California State University, Hayward have long upheld the rights of all students to an affordable and accessible education, and to preserving student input in the decision making process of the University, and;
- Whereas,** The California State University Commission on Learning Resources and Instructional Technology (CLRIT) has recently endorsed the goals that "all enrolled CSU students have uninterrupted twenty-four hour access to a personal computer," and that "all enrolled CSU students have twenty-four hour access to a network that will allow them access to the Internet," and;
- Whereas,** Only one student is allowed to sit on CLRIT, and only two are allowed to sit on the Academic Information Resources Council (AIRC), the systemwide committee that will most likely discuss this proposal in the coming year, and;
- Whereas,** In order to reach these goals, the campus Presidents of Humboldt State University, Sonoma State University, and California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo have recently proposed a plan to levy a \$72 per year "student computing fee" and to mandate that all students purchase a "suitable computer," and;
- Whereas,** There has been no student input on this proposal, and the three Presidents have asked for the Chancellor's Office to endorse this proposal before any student input has been accepted, and;
- Whereas,** The proposed implementation date of Fall 1995 only gives incoming Freshmen to the three campuses two months to consider changing schools since they must apply by November of 1994, and;

- Whereas, The concept that financial aid could be used to offset the cost of purchasing a personal computer is naive and unrealistic considering the fact that adequate financial aid is not available for students to cover the current cost of education, and;
- Whereas, Increasing the cost of education is contrary to the goals of the Master Plan for Higher Education and decreases access to the University for those who would benefit most from the attainment of a higher education, and;
- Whereas, Most students do not need uninterrupted twenty-four hour access to a personal computer or the Internet, and;
- Whereas, It is unfair to require all students of all socio-economic backgrounds to pay for a service (access to the Internet) that only those with the economic resources to own a personal computer can use, and;
- Whereas, Other options exist that would bring the students of the CSU closer to the goals endorsed by CLRIT without causing as much hardship as the current proposal. Therefore be it;
- Resolved, That the Associated Students of California State University, Hayward is vigorously opposed to the current proposal to require students to purchase a "suitable personal computer" and to levy a campus-based student computing fee. Be it further;
- Resolved, That the Associated Students of California State University, Hayward deplores Sonoma State University's insertion of an ad for the purchase of Apple Computers included with a letter sent to incoming students. Be it further;
- Resolved, That the Associated Students of California State University, Hayward request that student input be encouraged at every phase in the discussion of this proposal, and that any implementation of any program to reach the goals articulated by CLRIT be delayed until adequate student input has been utilized. Be it further;
- Resolved, That the Associated Student of California State University, Hayward request that more students be allowed to sit on CLRIT and AIRC to ensure that adequate student input is available. Be it further;

Resolved, That this resolution be sent to SSU President Ruben Arminana, SLO President Warren Baker, HSU President Alistar McCrone, CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz, CSU Vice Chancellor Richard West, CSU Board of Trustees Chair Jim Considine, the California State Student Association, the local media, and the Associated Students of all other CSU campuses.



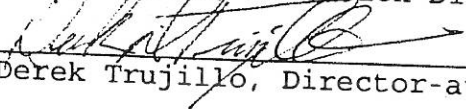
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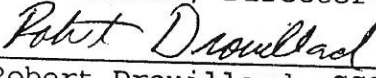
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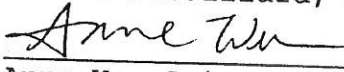
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