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RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO ALTERNATIVE CONSULTATION TO RAISE CATEGORY I FEES FOR DIVISION II at CSUEB

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- Whereas,** it is the mission of the Associated Students, Inc. of California State University East Bay (ASI) to be responsive to the students of Cal State East Bay, and to advocate for their welfare and in their interest; and
- Whereas,** ASI strongly advocates to preserve accessibility of a quality education for all students at California State University East Bay through out-of-classroom activities; and
- Whereas,** ASI also strongly advocates to preserve accessibility of an affordable education for all students at California State University East Bay (the People's University) through; and
- Whereas,** ASI strongly believes and advocates in conducting and carrying out initiatives by means of an objective method that is ethical and transparent to the students; and
- Whereas,** the idea to fund a feasibility to move our intercollegiate athletics program from Division III to Division II was first brought to the ASI Board of Directors by the University President during the last academic year (06/07); and
- Whereas,** the findings of the Dempsey-Leland Report (Division II feasibility study) stated that an additional revenue of \$1.5 million would be needed to fund this move; and
- Whereas,** the financial burden of funding this move is suggested to be placed on students through our Instructional Related Activity (IRA) student fees; and
- Whereas,** the IRA fee is a Category I fee and according to Executive Order 740 (California State University Student Fee Policy), Category I fees are subject to adjustment through an advisory student fee referendum election; and
- Whereas,** the President of the University can waive a referendum election process if he/she determines that a referendum is not the best mechanism to achieve appropriate and meaningful consultation; and
- Whereas,** if a referendum is not conducted prior to adjusting Category I fees or requesting the chancellor to establish a new Category I fee, the President must demonstrate to the chancellor why alternative consultation methods selected were more effective in complying with the fee policy ; and

- Whereas,** the President shall establish a fee advisory committee comprised of students, faculty, staff and administrative representatives to provide advice to the campus president as he/she shall consult with this committee before adjusting any fee; and
- Whereas,** the current ASI Board of Directors have expressed numerous concerns about the concept of Division II and the alternative consultative process (see attached **ADDENDUM**) in order to attain a fair process to ensure our constituents are well represented and informed; and
- Whereas,** the current Board of Directors acknowledge actions that our predecessors took to move Division II to campus consultation but to return to the ASI Board for endorsement upon completion of the process, but in light of the current review of EO 740 by the CSU Board of Trustees and the controversial responses and reactions to the process conducted in regards to the ASI Rec/Wellness Center fee increase; let it be
- Resolved,** that ASI calls into question the accountability of the alternative consultation as it can potentially be used as a manipulative tool to move forward agenda as opposed to being objective; let it be further
- Resolved,** that Associated Students, Inc. of California State University East Bay strongly opposes the current alternative consultation process being conducted by the University as it is being used as a sales technique with limited information to push forward an administrative agenda; let it be further
- Resolved,** that Associated Students, Inc. of California State University East Bay took an informal vote to ask that this process be suspended until further consultation with the ASI Board of Directors is conducted, but that this request was not taken into consideration as the process continued irrespective of the Board's wishes; let it be further
- Resolved,** that ASI is now taking formal action to urge the University President to suspend this process in the spirit of being objective and in the interest of preserving shared governance until the concerns in regards to the process and the concept of Division II have been addressed; and be it further
- Resolved,** that this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited, to the Chancellor's Office, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, the CSU Board of Trustees, the California Faculty Association, Academic Senate Chairs of California State University, California State University Presidents, CSU Associated Students, California State Students Association, University of California State Student Association and Students of California State University East Bay via appropriate media outlet.

Board of Directors Meeting, February 6, 2008

ADDENDUM

As the recognized student body association, the Associated Students Board of Directors represents and advocates on behalf of the students at California State University East Bay. We therefore advocate the following concerns in regards to the concept of Division II and the alternative consultation process.