

LEG2013-1R A RESOLUTION OPPOSING GOVERNOR BROWN'S PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Presented at the Board of Director's Meeting
May 13, 2013

WHEREAS, The Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of the California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the official voice of CSUEB's more than 14,000 students and is entrusted to represent the best interests of our constituents, the students of this campus, and

WHEREAS, The CSU's mission is to ensure students have accessible, quality, and affordable education that will prepare students for the workforce, and

WHEREAS, The Governor is proposing to create performance based funding for the CSU, the seven standards would be in effect from 2013/14-2016/17 academic year, and

WHEREAS, In order for CSU to achieve standards Universities must be given the time to create effective solutions the Governor's proposal requires universities to improve in seven standards, and

WHEREAS, Increasing graduation rates and number of degree completions throughout the populations the CSU serves is a priority of the system, the CSU has the Graduation Initiative which aims to increase graduation rates by 8% by 2015, and

WHEREAS, Increasing graduation rates and completion within 2 years for transfer students and 4 year for freshmen, however, with the realities and struggles facing students today, 4 years is not realistic for all students within the diverse populations of the CSU, most students must work in order to pay for their education and living expenses, the performance standards would add further pressures on students, and

WHEREAS, Creating a clear transfer pathway that aligns California Community Colleges (CCC) and CSU lower and upper division has been a focus for the CSUs, ASI supports this idea, making it easier to transfer is beneficial to students, however that is something the three systems should work together on, and

WHEREAS, The expectations on CSUs to improve in each of the seven standards by 10% in four years would force the CSU to sacrifice the quality of the education in order to meet standards, in the scramble to improve, universities would be forced to teach to the test, proof of that has been seen since No Child Left Behind, and

WHEREAS, The proposed performance standards are not directly aligned with the stated goals and mission of the CSU, therefore, basing CSU funding on the proposed performance standards may have a negative effect on student success, so be it

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students Inc. of CSU, East Bay supports accountability and performance measures that help support student success, however, Governor Brown's proposed CSU and UC Performance Standards need to ensure that they are in line with the values of the CSU and include the following recommendations.

Performance Standards:

1. Work with the California State University administration, California State Students
2. Association and California State University Academic Senate
3. Ensure that standards are based on data analysis and are given a more realistic time span
4. Create plans for implementations that include appropriate timelines
5. Create separate standards for CSUs and UCs
6. Ensure that standards reflect student demographics and the individual missions of the systems, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution shall be distributed widely, including, but not limited to: the Office of CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White, the Office of the Governor of the State of California, CSU East Bay President Leroy Morishita, the CSU East Bay Academic Senate, the CSU Associated Students, the California State Student Association, the University of California Student Association, Student Senate for California Community Colleges, United States Student Association, the general student population of CSU East Bay, City Council Representatives, and the Legislative representatives of the districts of which CSU East Bay belongs to.

Approved On:
ASI President: _____

