

Resolution #18-07

ASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' STANCE ON THE PROPOSED OPPORTUNITY FEE

- WHEREAS: Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors is the official voice of Cal Poly Students, and
- WHEREAS: Cal Poly currently serves as the most expensive California public university for low-income students, costing \$3,690 in additional fees per year even after implementation of the maximum financial aid package¹, and
- WHEREAS: A grant for low-income students is necessary, as Cal Poly has passed many fees over the years that did not include financial aid support, and
- WHEREAS: The Cal Poly Office of Diversity and Inclusion is proposing a Cal Poly Opportunity Fee (CPOF) of \$8,040 for each Non-Resident student per year at full implementation, and
- WHEREAS: The Objective Statement states, "the primary purpose of the proposed [Cal Poly Opportunity Fee] is to provide increased access and retention of California low-income students by providing enhanced financial aid support through the Cal Poly Opportunity Grant Program,"¹ and
- WHEREAS: Ensuring low income students can attend and afford Cal Poly helps make sure that all possible students, regardless of income, are able to attend Cal Poly while fostering a more diverse community, and
- WHEREAS: 42.5% of the CPOF would go to the proposed Cal Poly Opportunity Grant (CPOG) for low-income students, 21.25% would go to support services for students receiving the CPOG, 21.25% would go to Cal Poly, and 15% would go to the Chancellor's office¹, and
- WHEREAS: While Cal Poly fees in the past have not designated a percentage of funds to the Cal Poly general fund or to the CSU Chancellor's Office and instead all revenue was designated toward fee-specific goals, the current proposal designates 21.25% of CPOF revenue to the Cal Poly general fund and 15% to the CSU Chancellor's Office, and
- WHEREAS: Students already contribute to the Cal Poly General Fund through payment of tuition, and thus should not be required to pay additional money into the general fund through a fee designed and marketed as a source of support for low-income students, and
- WHEREAS: While the CPOF is marketed as benefitting low-income Cal Poly students, these designations send a combined 36.25% of CPOF

¹ Opportunity Grant Objective Statement -
https://opportunitygrant.calpoly.edu/sites/default/files/documents/CPOF_Objective_Statement_02_14_18.pdf

funds to resources that do not specifically relate to CPOG recipients¹, and

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED: As the official voice of Cal Poly students, the ASI Board of Directors does not support the Cal Poly Opportunity Fee, and

FURTHERMORE

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RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors does not support the proposed allocation of revenue from the CPOF to the Cal Poly General Fund and to the CSU Chancellor's Office, *and*

FURTHERMORE

BE IT

RESOLVED: This resolution be sent to Jeffrey D. Armstrong, University President, Jozi De Leon, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer, Keith Humphrey, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Gerrie Hatten, Executive Director of the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office.

Certified as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this ____ day of _____, 2017.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this ____ day of _____ 2017.

Attest: _____
ASI Secretary

Signed:
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:
ASI President

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