Senate Bill No.: 2012-13-25
Date: May 10, 2013
Authored by: Adan Garay, Chair, University Affairs
Referred to: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Action Taken: Senate approved on 05-10-13 (votes: 11-0-2)
Subject: Optimal Accessibility for Students with Disabilities in all Newly Constructed Buildings at California State University, Northridge

1. WHEREAS: The Associated Students (A.S.) of California State University Northridge (CSUN) is the recognized voice of more than 34,000 students; and

2. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. is the primary advocate for students at California State University, Northridge and promotes the welfare and intellectual progress of students; and

3. WHEREAS: To fulfill this mission, we design programs and activities to help students develop the academic competencies, professional skills, critical and creative abilities, and ethical values of learned persons who live in a democratic society, an interdependent world, and a technological age; we seek to foster a rigorous and contemporary understanding of the liberal arts, sciences, and professional disciplines, and we believe in the following values; and

4. WHEREAS: CSUN “does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs and activities including admission and access. Federal and state laws, including sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, prohibit such discrimination. Each CSU campus has been designated to coordinate its efforts to comply with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability”; and
5. WHEREAS: Despite federal laws, state laws, and educational codes, students with disabilities face marginalization in the classroom by ignoring and disregarding of their disabilities, and on campuses through a physical lack of accessibility to offices or areas essential to a student’s success and events that enrich one’s experience at California State University, Northridge; and

6. WHEREAS: California State University, Northridge has shown a commitment to making all plans for the creation of new buildings as accessible for students with disabilities as possible; therefore let it be

1. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students at California State University, Northridge commends the effort and commitment to accessibility that the Board of Trustees and CUSN have shown, and urge this push for accessibility to be institutionalized; and let it be further

2. RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including but not limited to:

- CSU Board of Trustees,
- Dr. Timothy White, CSU Chancellor
- Dr. Dianne Harrison, CSUN President,
- Dr. William Watkins, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Daily Sundial
- Department of Resources and Educational Services at CSUN
- Office of Equity and Diversity at CSUN

Sydni Powell, President 2012-2013
Christopher Woollett, Vice President 2012-2013

Sources:
1 California State University Northridge Mission, Values and Vision page:
   http://www.csun.edu/academic_affairs/csunmission.htm
2 California State University Undergraduate Application for Admission: Summer & Fall 2013, Winter & Spring 2014