Subject: **Student Aid Alliance**

1) **WHEREAS:** The Associated Students is the primary advocate for students at California State University, Northridge and provides excellent, meaningful programs and services designed to create and enhance a spirited, learning-focused campus environment; and

2) **WHEREAS:** The Associated Students is avidly committed to students and strongly supports their access to the financial aid necessary in continuing higher education; and

3) **WHEREAS:** The Associate Students recognize the value that a college education contributes in advancing American ideals of progress and equality; and

4) **WHEREAS:** A college education benefits not only the individual, but it also acts as an essential component of competitive growth for our country and economy; and

5) **WHEREAS:** In fiscal year 2010 (FY 2010), 14 million students and their families received an average federal award of $9,600 from various Department of Education programs; and

6) **WHEREAS:** Congress is reducing the amount of financial aid that assists students in their pursuit of college degrees and competitive positioning in the global market; and
WHEREAS: The Student Aid Alliance (SAA) is a coalition of higher education organizations, including the American Council on Education, that began a campaign in response to recent congressional budget cuts to student aid; and

WHEREAS: The Student Aid Alliance has issued its FY 2012 appropriations request to Congress calling for the renewed funding of Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, Federal Work-Study, and other critical programs that millions of students rely on; and

WHEREAS: In FY 2012, SAA specifically asked Congress to maintain the maximum Pell Grant award of $5,500 and to restore the Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants (SEOG) to $757.5 million; then let it be

RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. at California State University, Northridge are in full support of student aid; and let it be further

RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. at California State University, Northridge fully support and appreciate the Student Aid Alliance in its campaign to Congress; and let it be finally

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

- Dr. Jolene Koester, President, CSUN
- Dr. William Watkins, Vice President of Student Affairs & Dean of Students
- Dr. Shelly Ruellas, Associate Vice President for Student Life
- The California Congressional Delegation
- Student Aid Alliance
- The National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities
- American Council on Education
- The Daily Sundial

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