



**Senate Bill No.:** 2012-13-23

**Date:** May 10, 2013

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**Referred to:** Committee of the Whole

**Action Taken:** Senate approved on May 10, 2013

**Subject:** CREATION OF A UNIVERSAL TRAINING ON HOW TO BEST SERVE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES FOR ALL FACULTY AND STAFF OF 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 through the 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: CSUN prides itself in being a "leader in high-quality, accessible student-focused higher education" and is "the largest [and] the most diverse" university system in the country; and let it be further


1. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students of California State University, Northridge acknowledges the lack of accessibility for students with disabilities as a great travesty amidst the formidable legislation that exists in order to facilitate the success of students with disabilities, and also acknowledges that the further marginalization of students with disabilities by faculty and staff at CSUN will not be tolerated; and let it be further

2. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students of California State University, Northridge calls on the CSUN President and CSU Board of Trustees to create a universal training for all CSUN faculty and staff on how to best serve with disabilities, and that the creation of appropriate and encompassing training by the Office of Services to Students with Disabilities; and let it be further

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

The CSU Board of Trustees,  
CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White,  
Dr. Dianne Harrison CSUN President,  
Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of students Dr. William  
Watkins,  
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Department of Recourses and Educational Services at CSUN  
Office of Equity and Diversity at CSUN

  
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