

Senate Bill No.: 2011-12-02  
Date: July 12, 2011  
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Referred to: Committee of the Whole  
Action Taken: Senate approved on July 12, 2011 (votes: 11-0-0)  
Subject: **Objection to Governor Brown's Approval of the State Budget**

- 1) WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. is the official voice of students of California State University, Northridge; and
- 2) WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. is the primary advocate for students at California State University, Northridge (CSUN) and provides excellent, meaningful programs and services designed to create and enhance a spirited, learning-focused campus environment; and
- 3) WHEREAS: Governor Jerry Brown's recent approval of the California State budget includes a 650 million dollar reduction in state support to the California State University (CSU); and
- 5) WHEREAS: This reduction in state support for public higher education shows the appalling lack of value placed on education by the state's elected officials, and
- 6) WHEREAS: A budget cut of this magnitude will have many negative effects on the-students of the CSU and the state's ability to recover economically, and
- 6) WHEREAS: This reduction in state support for the CSU follows from previous, unprecedented, annual increases in mandatory student fees in nine out of the last ten years; and

- 7) WHEREAS: The students of (CSUN) are enraged by the state legislature's failure; to solve California's budget crisis without negatively affecting the accessibility, affordability, and quality of Public Higher Education, and
- 8) WHEREAS: The approval of this budget has forced the CSU Board of Trustees to once again consider a historic increase in tuition, and
- 9) WHEREAS: An increase in tuition will likely result in the inability of many students to financially meet this sudden, severe, fee increase, and
- 10) WHEREAS: The emotional stress and trauma is likely to cause many students to drop out, work more hours and spend less time studying, or take on more debt to finish their education, and
- 11) WHEREAS: This will contribute to the projected shortage of college graduates for California to meet the future demands of an educated workforce; therefore, be it
- 1) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. **insists** that the state legislature and Governor do not implement the proposed trigger cuts in January, and, be it further
- 2) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. urges most emphatically that the state legislature and Governor reallocate funding back to the CSU and stabilize funding for Higher Education, and, be it further
- 3) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. **does not and will not support** any Governor or Elected official that votes for, refuses to take a stand in opposition to, or approves cuts to higher education, and, be it further,
- 4) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. will educate its students about which officials voted to pass this budget, and, be it further
- 5) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. will provide voter guide information about candidates running for state office that includes, if applicable, a voting record on higher education, and be it further

- 6) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. will organize a letter campaign to relay the dissatisfaction of the student body over their legislature's failure, and, be it further
- 7) RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to the following:
- Jerry Brown, Governor, State of California
  - Alex Padilla, Senator, State of California
  - Bob Blumenfield, Assemblymen, State of California
  - Dr. Charles Reed, Chancellor, California State University
  - Dr. Jolene Koester, President, California State University, Northridge
  - Vice Presidents, California State University, Northridge
  - Faculty Senate, California State University, Northridge
  - Members, California State Student Association
  - Members, United States Student Association
  - The Daily Sundial

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