



Associated Students
California State University, Northridge

Senate Bill: 2011-12-12
Authored by: President Amanda Flavin and Senator William Ryder
Referred to: External Affairs
Subject: **Opposition to California State University, Northridge's 15-Unit Enrollment Limit and the Chancellor's Financial Penalty to California State University Northridge for Over-Enrollment**

1. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. 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: On Friday, November 4, 2011, California State University, Northridge Administration introduced an enrollment unit cap; and
3. WHEREAS: According to the communication sent to students, "Students will be permitted to register for 13 units during the first phase of the spring 2012 registration period from November 8 through December 11. During non-restricted registration, which begins on December 12 and continues until the start of classes students will be permitted to add units up to a total of 15;" and
4. WHEREAS: This is a change from the previous University practice where students could enroll in up to 19 units during non-restrictive registration; and
5. WHEREAS: The University has provided exemptions for graduating seniors, first semester freshmen and students enrolled in selected cohort programs; and
6. WHEREAS: The ability to enroll in more than 15 units is imperative to some students' ability to complete their degrees in a timely manner, as limiting course offerings and units may require students to enroll in additional semesters, which creates unanticipated financial costs and further overcrowding; and
7. WHEREAS: The CSU publicly states in regard to and as a part of their mission statement, "To accomplish its mission over time and under changing conditions, the California State University: Serves communities as

educational, public service, cultural, and artistic centers in ways appropriate to individual campus locations and emphases;” and

8. WHEREAS: California State University, Northridge serves one of the largest service regions in the CSU system, which includes Los Angeles County and Ventura County while operating in the heart of the San Fernando Valley’s almost 2 million local residents; and
9. WHEREAS: California State University, Northridge’s dedication to the CSU mission and serving the community in ways appropriate to the campus location with its immense population demands has put the university 6.7% over its enrollment target; and
10. WHEREAS: The CSU Chancellor and Board of Trustees has mandated a \$6,000,000 financial penalty on California State University Northridge, due to enrollment above 103%, which has not been enforced in the past considering the University’s service region and population demands among other factors; and
11. WHEREAS: The potential \$6,000,000 penalty would be used by the CSU for the same means as revenue from tuition increases, which have regularly been imposed by the CSU Board of Trustees in the past 3 years; and
12. WHEREAS: The new 15 unit limit policy is an effort by the University to bring down over-enrollment and avoid the significant financial penalty; then let it be
1. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students is appalled at the lack of support from the state government to education; let it be further
2. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students Inc. of California State University, Northridge oppose Chancellor Reed’s \$6 million financial penalty, which has resulted in a 15 unit cap that impedes students’ abilities to obtain their degrees; and let it be further
3. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students oppose Chancellor Reed’s decision to punish the strategic financial planning and fiscal accountability of California State University, Northridge that has allowed the University to fulfill CSU mission objectives and serve increased educational demands in its service region as a result of the economic crisis; and let it be further
4. RESOLVED: That the Chancellor’s office should not unnecessarily punish California State University, Northridge in an attempt to make an example of the University as such actions only serve to punish the students in the end; and let it be further

5. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students Inc. of California State University, Northridge firmly oppose the 15 unit cap finding it as an unacceptable response to the financial penalty when alternate and actionable solutions currently exist; and let it be further
6. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students respectfully urges the University Administration to consider implementing past methods of enrollment reduction that do not punish current students by impeding on their pursuit of graduation; and let it be finally
7. RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including but not limited to the following:

Dr. Charles Reed, Chancellor, California State University
Dr. Jolene Koester, President, California State University, Northridge
Vice Presidents, California State University, Northridge
Academic Senate, California State University, Northridge
Members, California State Student Association
Members, United States Student Association
The American College Personnel Association
The Association of American Colleges and Universities
The CSU Board of Trustees
The Matador Involvement Center
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