



**Senate Bill No.:** 2011-12-09  
**Date:** November 29, 2011  
**Authored by:** Senator Sooni Livingston, Humanities I  
**Referred to:** External Affairs Committee  
**Action Taken:** **Senate approved on 12/06/11 (votes: 18-0-0)**

**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

- 7) 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
- 8) 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
- 9) 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
- 1) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. at California State University, Northridge are in full support of student aid; and let it be further
- 2) 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
- 3) 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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