Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo

Resolution #18-03

ASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' STANCE ON THE PROPOSED HEALTH SERVICES FEE ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS: Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors is the official voice of Cal Poly Students, *and*

WHEREAS: The current on-campus health services at Cal Poly do not meet the needs of the student body[1] based on the following reasons:

- An average walk-in wait time for an individual to see a physician is 2-3 hours;
- An average wait time for future appointments is approximately two weeks;
- No financial aid is available for students under the current health services fee;
- A counselor to student ratio of 1:1550, which is worse than national best practice;
- An average wait time of 3-4 days to see a mental health specialist, and an average of 2.7 sessions per student;
- Weekday health[2] and counseling[3] center hours of 8 AM – 4:30 PM; *and*

WHEREAS: The Cal Poly Student Affairs Health Fee Adjustment Presentation at the ASI Board of Directors meeting on October 25, 2017, introduced three options for the fee adjustment: no fee increase, Option A, or Option B; Option A is an increased $99 and Option B is an increased $114, on top of the current fee of $105 each quarter, both of which include a four percent annual increase, *and*

WHEREAS: With Option A, the proposed increase in health services includes the following:

- An average walk-in wait time for an individual to see a physician is 1-1.5 hours;
- An average wait time for future appointments is approximately one week;
- Financial aid is available for students with demonstrated financial need equal to 30% of the health services fee;
- A counselor to student ratio of 1: 1,000, which is national best practice;
- An average wait time of 2-3 days to see a mental health specialist, and an average of 4+ sessions per student;
- Weekday health center hours extending into the evening; and

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1 https://chw.calpoly.edu/healthfee

2 https://hcs.calpoly.edu/

3 https://hcs.calpoly.edu/counseling

THEREFORE
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RESOLVED: As the official voice of Cal Poly students, the ASI Board of Directors strongly believe that health services are important to aid student success and that current health services do not sufficiently meet the needs of students. For this reason, the ASI Board of Directors support Fee Increase Option A, which imposes an additional $99 per quarter, and

FURTHERMORE
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RESOLVED: We urge campus administration to periodically review the sufficiency and effectiveness of the fee adjustment and the impact of the four percent annual increase, ensuring that the intended service improvements are being met; *and*

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RESOLVED: As the official voice of students, the ASI Board of Directors takes seriously our responsibility to properly inform students about campus affairs in order to ensure we accurately represent the students we serve. We believe that the timeline of this alternative consultation process did not warrant adequate time to receive thoughtful and careful feedback from students.

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RESOLVED: This resolution be sent to University President Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Keith Humphrey, Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon, Interim Assistant Vice President of Campus Health and Wellbeing John Ruffner.

Certified as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this _____ day of_____, 2017.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this _____ day of _____2017.

Attest:
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ASI Secretary

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Signed:
ASI Chair of the Board

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Signed:
ASI President

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