

**ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA**

AS-596-03/B&LRPC

**RESOLUTION ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF A REALISTIC TUITION
AND FEE RATE STRUCTURE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

- 1 WHEREAS, The level of state general funding for higher education in California is inadequate
2 to provide students with a quality system of instruction and support; and
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- 4 WHEREAS, The level of state general funding and the level of tuition and fees is subject to
5 vagaries in the California economy and in its budgeting process; and
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- 7 WHEREAS, Access to higher education for all qualified students is an acknowledged priority
8 of the state and its citizens; and
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- 10 WHEREAS, California's tuition and fees are among the lowest in the nation; and
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- 12 WHEREAS, There is little justification for subsidizing all students with low tuition and fees;
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- 15 WHEREAS, Long range, strategic planning in higher education is stymied by tardy budgets
16 and uncertain revenues; therefore, be it
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- 18 RESOLVED: That the CSU Board of Trustees, state legislators, and the Governor's Office
19 develop and implement a rational, long term, strategic budget plan for higher
20 education; and, be it further
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- 22 RESOLVED: That the CSU Board of Trustees, state legislators, and the Governor's Office
23 implement over the next five years, a stable and predictable schedule of tuition
24 and fees that recognizes the relative ability of each California family to pay while
25 maintaining a quality and sustainable system of higher education, and;
26 concurrently, be it further
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- 28 RESOLVED: That the CSU Board of Trustees, state legislators, and the Governor's Office
29 implement over the next five years a system to: identify and address all forms of
30 subsidy provided to students, reconcile the true marginal costs of educating
31 students within the CSU system, and establish and fund an appropriate level of
32 financial aid that ensures a broad opportunity for student access to higher
33 education in California; and, be it further
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35 RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be forwarded to:
36 Dr. Debra S. Farar, Chair of the CSU Board of Trustees
37 Abel Maldonado, CA State Assemblyman
38 Bruce McPherson, CA State Senator
39 Jackie Goldberg, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Education
40 John Vasconcellos, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education
41 Jack O'Connell, Superintendent of the State Department of Education, and
42 Gray Davis, Governor for the State of California

Proposed by: Academic Senate Budget
and Long Range Planning Committee
Date: March 12, 2003
Revised: April 7, 2003

State of California

Memorandum

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SAN LUIS OBISPO
CA 93407

To: George Lewis
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: August 21, 2003

From: Wmen J. Baker
President

Copies: P. Zingg, L. Kelley

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-596-031B&LRPC
Resolution on Implementation of a Realistic Tuition and Fee Rate Structure for Higher
Education

This will acknowledge receipt of the subject Resolution that addresses a critical issue for insuring student access to the CSU system through a fee structure that is affordable and predictable.