WHEREAS, The level of state general funding for higher education in California is inadequate
to provide students with a quality system of instruction and support; and

WHEREAS, The level of state general funding and the level of tuition and fees is subject to
vagaries in the California economy and in its budgeting process; and

WHEREAS, Access to higher education for all qualified students is an acknowledged priority
of the state and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, California’s tuition and fees are among the lowest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, There is little justification for subsidizing all students with low tuition and fees;
and

WHEREAS, Long range, strategic planning in higher education is stymied by tardy budgets
and uncertain revenues; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the CSU Board of Trustees, state legislators, and the Governor’s Office
develop and implement a rational, long term, strategic budget plan for higher
education; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSU Board of Trustees, state legislators, and the Governor’s Office
implement over the next five years, a stable and predictable schedule of tuition
and fees that recognizes the relative ability of each California family to pay while
maintaining a quality and sustainable system of higher education, and;
concurrently, be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSU Board of Trustees, state legislators, and the Governor’s Office
implement over the next five years a system to: identify and address all forms of
subsidy provided to students, reconcile the true marginal costs of educating
students within the CSU system, and establish and fund an appropriate level of
financial aid that ensures a broad opportunity for student access to higher
education in California; and, be it further
RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

- Dr. Debra S. Farar, Chair of the CSU Board of Trustees
- Abel Maldonado, CA State Assemblyman
- Bruce McPherson, CA State Senator
- Jackie Goldberg, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Education
- John Vasconcellos, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education
- Jack O’Connell, Superintendent of the State Department of Education, and
- 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
To: George Lewis
   Chair, Academic Senate

From: Wmen J. Baker
      President

Date: August 21, 2003

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.