



ASD 11-84

Passed Unanimously by the Academic Senate 4-21-11

Resolution in Response to Student Protests

April 21, 2011

- Whereas:** Public funding for higher education in California is in steep decline; and
- Whereas:** Even more significant cuts may be forthcoming, and if enacted these cuts will have significant adverse effects on the campus and, in particular, student access, learning opportunities, and progress to graduation, and
- Whereas:** Spending on public higher education is not the cause of the current economic downturn; rather spending on public higher education produces returns that make the CSU part of the solution to the economic downturn, and
- Whereas:** Recent student activity on this campus, regardless of tactics, tone, or methods, is a response to a real threat to public higher education, and
- Whereas:** The following statements represent aspirational goals that can unite rather than divide California around its higher education system;

Be It Therefore Resolved: That Academic Senate of Cal State Fullerton calls for:

- 1) Increased and predictable, stable funding for public higher education in a way that does not trade off with other public priorities, even if this support requires revenue enhancements.
- 2) Fair and equitable access for all qualified students to a full range of educational programs, resources, experiences, and opportunities.
- 3) A commitment from all relevant public higher education entities to work together to provide quality education for all people, regardless of gender and economic, social, ethnic, or racial status.
- 4) All faculty, staff, students, and alumni of California State University, Fullerton to contact their state legislators and Governor Jerry Brown and encourage them to fund public higher education; as the largest source of state's skilled workforce, CSU graduates provide the foundation for California's success in the global economy.

Be It further Resolved: That this resolution be forwarded to the Cal State Fullerton (CSUF) ASI Executive Staff and Board of Directors; CSUF Alumni Association Board of Directors; all CSUF employees; Mougo Nyaggah, President of CFA Fullerton Chapter; CSUF President Milton A. Gordon; James Postma, Chair of the Academic Senate of the CSU; Lillian Taiz, President of the California Faculty Association; the CSU Board of Trustees; State Senators Lou Correa, Tom Harman, Bob Huff, and Mimi Walters; Assembly members Curt Hagman, Diane L. Harkey, Allan Mansoor, Jeff Miller, Chris Norby, Jim Silva, Jose Solorio, and Donald P. Wagner; Governor Jerry Brown; and *the Los Angeles Times* and *Orange County Register* newspapers.

Source: Executive Committee