

Resolution to Save Instructionally Related Activities Programs

Whereas, Instructionally Related Activity (IRA) fees are to fund foundational programs on a CSU campus, such as athletic programs, the student newspaper, theatre, music, dance, and performing arts programs, speech and debate teams and moot courts, study abroad programs, and

Whereas, Education code section 89230, and a variety of Chancellor’s Office Executive Orders including CSU Coded Memo EP&R 83-58, and campus practice direct that such programs to receive “stable and adequate” funding from these student fees, and

Whereas, IRA funding is specifically neither a grant nor start-up funds, but the permanent, stable and adequate funding source for these programs, similar to the baseline funding for an academic department, and

Whereas, several of these programs have been overwhelmingly successful, earning multiple national awards and serving literally thousands of students for more than four decades, and

Whereas, the AY2026-27 IRA committee funding recommendations have resulted in massive, across-the-board cuts to these programs, slashing funding by as much as 70% for programs that have received support for decades and with virtually no advance warning, and these cuts have come despite more funds being available to distribute than ever before, and

Whereas, such drastic and sudden cuts will massively impair programs, in ways that several will never recover from, and which might result in the abrupt cancellation of some programs altogether; and therefore, be it

Resolved, Propose a committee to review funding options for Instructionally-Related Activities.