

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

**Bill Number:** Senate Resolution #2018-07  
**Title:** In Support of Rise California's Fight for Free College Tuition  
**Sponsored by:** Senator for the College of Health and Human Services Courtney Yamagiwa,  
Senators-at-Large Hilda Jurado and Danielle Carancho  
**Date Submitted:** September 21, 2017  
**Date Approved:** October 18, 2017

- WHEREAS** the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) of the California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) consists of over 50 student leaders and is the single recognized voice for over 37,000 students; and
- WHEREAS** the CSU was intended to be a tuition-free university system under the Donohoe Act for Higher Education (1960);<sup>1</sup> and
- WHEREAS** the State of California is a financial benefactor of the CSU system, where for every \$1 invested by the State, the CSU generates an estimated \$5.43 in revenue for the local economy, and with each CSU graduate the ratio rises to \$23;<sup>2</sup> and
- WHEREAS** by 2025, it is estimated that California will face a shortfall of nearly one million college educated workers required for jobs;<sup>3</sup> and
- WHEREAS** California ranks 47th out of 50 states in our share of high school graduates enrolling in 4-year colleges;<sup>4</sup> and
- WHEREAS** the State General Fund spending per student at both the CSU and the UC has fallen significantly in the past generation; and at the CSU, General Fund spending per student dropped from \$11,240 (adjusted for inflation) in 1980-81 to \$6,417 in 2013-14, a 43% drop;<sup>5</sup> and
- WHEREAS** the CSU has had a 10% increase in tuition each year from 2007 to 2011 and a 9.16% increase in 2012;<sup>6</sup> and
- WHEREAS** after a six-year tuition moratorium, the CSU Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition in March 2017 by approximately 5%, now totaling \$5,742 for undergraduate resident students and \$7,176 for graduate resident students;<sup>7</sup> and
- WHEREAS** tuition and fees increase for a part time student to be enrolled as a full time student at CSULB is 54.99% for undergraduate, 57.7% for graduate and 58.05% for Teacher Credential programs;<sup>8</sup> and
- WHEREAS** on September 20, 2017 the CSU Board of Trustees approved a 2.5% salary increase for Chancellor Timothy P. White (White's salary, with the 2.5% increase, totals \$450,345), six vice chancellors and the system's campus presidents; and

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ucop.edu/acadinit/mastplan/donahoe.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/impact/state/investment.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ppic.org/publication/californias-need-for-skilled-workers/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.csulb.edu/registration-and-records/tuition-and-fees>

<sup>5</sup> <http://calbudgetcenter.org/news/report-decades-of-funding-cuts-have-diminished-access-to-and-affordability-of-californias-public-universities/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.abc10.com/news/local/what-happened-to-californias-free-tuition-a-history-of-fees-and-budget-issues/465128027>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase/Pages/proposed-tuition-adjustments.aspx>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.csulb.edu/registration-and-records/tuition-and-fees>

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- WHEREAS** 1 in 10 CSU students are homeless and 1 in 4 are food insecure;<sup>9</sup> and
- WHEREAS** student loan debt in the U.S. is over \$1.3 trillion, the second highest consumer debt;<sup>10</sup> and
- WHEREAS** New York passed a legislative act in 2016 for free in-state tuition for residents at all public colleges and universities through the Excelsior Scholarship;<sup>11</sup> and
- WHEREAS** Rise California is a student-led, non-profit 501(c)(4), statewide organization that is focused on achieving free college tuition at all public higher education institutions in California by shaping the 2018 election to focus on the issue of higher education and calling on candidates running for state governor to have a plan of how they will fund higher education; and
- WHEREAS** Rise California is building a coalition of students and allies to restore the promise of free college tuition in California, by empowering students with the knowledge and skills required to advocate for higher education and to help them elect political candidates who are committed to:
- 1) Eliminating college tuition to expand access to public, higher education
  - 2) Protecting students from debt by helping cover additional costs of college
  - 3) Investing in public colleges and universities so more students can graduate;<sup>12</sup> and
- WHEREAS** Rise California is a non-partisan organization and is not affiliated with any particular political party or candidate in California; and
- WHEREAS** Rise California will never explicitly ask for funding from any CSULB student organization, including ASI and students at-large, to donate money in support of their efforts; now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that CSULB ASI take the lead in officially supporting the Rise California grassroots campaign established in July of 2017 and supporting their efforts; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that CSULB ASI encourages subcommittee Lobby Corps to assist Rise California in their efforts to inform students about free college tuition through endeavors such as educational campaigns, tabling sessions, phone banking, legislative visits, and voter registration drives; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that Rise California will be allowed to collaborate with CSULB ASI student government in educating students about free tuition through panels, forums and discussions be it that Rise California funds these events; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the CSULB ASI encourages the Cal State Student Association (CSSA) to take an official stance in support of Rise California and their efforts for free college tuition; and be it finally
- RESOLVED** that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon its approval by the ASI President be distributed to CSULB President Conoley, Vice President for Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, Dean of Students Piya Bose, Vice President for Administration and Finance Mary Stephens, Vice President for University Relations and Development Andrea Taylor, Provost and Senior Vice President for

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-cal-state-homelessness-20160620-snap-story.html>

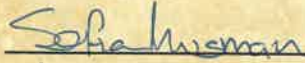
<sup>10</sup> <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/08/24/5-facts-about-student-loans/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.ny.gov/programs/tuition-free-degree-program-excelsior-scholarship>

<sup>12</sup> [www.carise.org](http://www.carise.org)

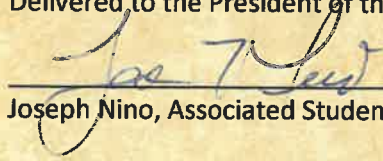
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Joseph Nino, Associated Students President

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