

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

**Bill Number:** Senate Resolution # 2018-28  
**Title:** Support for a Family Resource Center  
**Sponsored by:** Senator for the College of Education Emely Lopez and Senator-at-Large Stephanie Argent  
**Co-Authored by:** Commissioner for Women and Gender Equity Affairs Stevie Merino and Chief Diversity Officer Yasmin Elasmar  
**Date Submitted:** April 25, 2018  
**Date Approved:** May 9, 2018

- WHEREAS** the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) is the recognized voice for more than 35,000 students at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), and
- WHEREAS** it is the mission of ASI to "facilitate the achievement of students' educational objections and life goals through programs, services and facilities that advocate student needs and interests;" and
- WHEREAS** Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex — including pregnancy, parenting and all related conditions — in education and in programs and activities that receive federal funding;<sup>1</sup> and
- WHEREAS** there is a large burden on students who are also parents and face little support from their university, and student parents report feeling that they have to set aside their parenting responsibility in order to be a student;<sup>2</sup> and
- WHEREAS** that about 26% of all college undergraduates identify as pregnant or student parents;<sup>3</sup> and
- WHEREAS** student parents graduate with on average, \$3,000 more in loans than non-student parents;<sup>4</sup> now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that ASI will assist and facilitate, however possible, the existing university effort to create a Family Resource Center; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that ASI supports the creation of a Family Resource Center to offer services specifically targeting the pregnant and parenting student population; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the Family Resource Center will include, but is not limited to short-term childcare, information on the rights reserved for pregnant and parenting students on campus, hosting support groups for pregnant and parenting students, providing tutoring specifically tailored to student parents, and provide a family friendly space for students to bring their children to; and be it further

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-1095-rev-6-23-15.html>

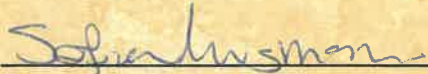
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2014/12/the-quiet-struggle-of-college-students-with-kids/383636/>

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- RESOLVED** that the establishment of the Family Resource Center will include input from the Commissioner for Women and Gender Equity Affairs, ASI Chief Diversity Officer, and Commissioner for Pregnant and Parenting Students; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that until the Family Resource Center is established, ASI will help increase support to pregnant and parenting students through increased Parenting Student Ally trainings, advocating for increased health support for pregnant and parenting students in Student Health Services, and increasing awareness about currently existing support systems for this community; and be it finally
- RESOLVED** that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon approval by the ASI President be distributed to CSULB President Jane Conoley, Vice President of Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, AVP for Student Life/Development Jeff Klaus, Dean of Students Piya Bose, all current and future ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and 22 West Magazine.



Sofia Musman, Vice President &  
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:



Joseph Nino, Associated Students President

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