



Statement of Acknowledgment of the CSU Tuition Increase

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The Associated Students Board of Directors at San Francisco State University is immensely disappointed in the California State University's (CSU) Board of Trustees' decision to raise student tuition.

The 6% tuition increase (hike) will begin Fall 2024 for all undergraduate and graduate students in the CSU, which will impact 40% of students (approximately 200,000). This is concerning and directly contradicts the CSU's mission of accessible higher education, especially when access and utilization of basic needs resources remains a systemwide issue for students, especially here in the Bay Area.

Associated Students wishes to extend our gratitude to League of Filipino Students (LFS), Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA), Gabriela @ SFSU, and MELA de San Pancho for collaborating and standing in solidarity with Associated Students, as we opposed and continue to oppose the tuition hike.

We also recognize and give our deepest thanks to the students, faculty/staff, and community members who participated in the Tuition Hike Rally on September 11, 2023. It was extraordinary to witness the solidarity of SF State students and community members coming together to oppose a consequential decision that impacts so many current and incoming students.

As our very own University President serves on the CSU Financial Aid Workgroup, we at Associated Students will actively pursue regular updates from President Mahoney, as we move forward with substantial work ahead regarding the reformation of financial aid, and access to financial resources for students. Student advocacy is necessary to ensure money raised by the tuition increase is being utilized to serve and support students, and we will continue to solicit feedback from students to align these advocacy efforts with student needs. Additionally, Associated Students will continue to provide free resources to students, and will find ways to elevate and promote vital services.

Advocacy on behalf of students and supporting our students in the wake of the tuition increase remains one of our top priorities. Our dedication to students' well-being and success is unwavering and we look forward to continued collaboration with students and student orgs in holding administration and the CSU accountable. Please stay connected and be on the look out for further updates on ongoing discussions and opportunities to ensure your voices are heard in this matter; the fight is not over.

In Solidarity,

23-24 Associated Students Board of Directors