***ASSOCIATED STUDENTS***

***University of California, Santa Barbara***

***Senate Resolution***

**Subject: *Vote*** Of No Confidence on the UC Regents who Voted to Increase Tuition

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**Number**: \_\_ **FPP**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Bill Type:**  Directional \_**Vote Required for Passage**: \_ 50%+1

***COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION***

 recommends to the A.S. Senate that the following action be taken:

Pass As Written:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pass With Amendments: \_ Do Not Pass: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_

Refer To Committee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by a Vote Of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson's initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***STUDENT -SPONSORED LEGISLATION***

Student Sponsor: Student Co-Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_

The Student-Sponsored Resolution Liaison has insured that this Student-Sponsored Resolution is correct in its form and adherence to the *ASUCSB Legal Code*.

Pass As Written: Pass With Amendments: \_ \_ Do Not Pass: \_ \_

Refer To Ad-Hoc Committee:

##### ***FISCAL IMPACT***

Amount: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Account:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### **A Resolution**

*Vote* Of No Confidence on the UC Regents who Voted to Increase Tuition

**WHEREAS:** The University of California (“UC”) is a public university system that served 210,000 undergraduate students during the 2016-2017 academic school year[[i]](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/fall-enrollment-glance); and,

**WHEREAS:**62% of these undergraduate students do not receive financial aid in the form of the pell grant[[[i]](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/fall-enrollment-glance); and,

**~~WHEREAS:~~**~~42% of these undergraduate students are also first-generation college students being among the first in their families to attend and graduate from a 4-year university~~[~~[i]~~](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/fall-enrollment-glance)~~; and,~~

**WHEREAS:** The constitution of the Associated Students of the University of California, Santa Barbara states, “All students shall have the right to an affordable education.”; and,

**~~WHEREAS:~~** ~~Section 21.1 of the Bylaws of the Regents of the University of California (“the Regents”) states, “the responsibility of individual Regents is to serve as trustees for the people of the State of California and as stewards for the University of California, acting to govern the University as a public trust in fulfillment of its educational, research, and public service missions in the best interests of the people of California~~[~~[ii]~~](http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/governance/bylaws/bl21.html)~~; and,~~

**WHEREAS:** Section 21.6 of the Bylaws of the Regents also states, “In performing their responsibilities on the Board, each Regent shall act in the best interests of the University, shall place the interests of the University and the public above their own interests and shall otherwise act in good faith. Regents shall exercise reasonable care, including undertaking reasonable inquiry, in performing their Board responsibilities.”[[ii]](http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/governance/bylaws/bl21.html); and,

**~~WHEREAS:~~** ~~per Regents Policy Section 3201: The University of California Financial Aid Policy, “the University's Financial Aid policy for undergraduates calls for the University, in partnership with the State, to seek to maintain the affordability of a University education for eligible California resident undergraduates who are regularly enrolled.”~~[~~[iii]~~](http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/governance/policies/3201.html)~~; and,~~

**WHEREAS:** per Regents Policy Section 3301: The Regents reaffirms that the Associated Students on the several campuses of the University are official units of the University exercising authorities concerning student affairs by delegations from The Regents, the President, and the Chancellors[[iv]](http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/governance/policies/3301.html); and,

**~~WHEREAS:~~** ~~The mission statement of the UC is, "The distinctive mission of the University is to serve society as a center of higher learning, providing long-term societal benefits through transmitting advanced knowledge, discovering new knowledge, and functioning as an active working repository of organized knowledge. That obligation, more specifically, includes undergraduate education, graduate and professional education, research, and other kinds of public service, which are shaped and bounded by the central pervasive mission of discovering and advancing knowledge."~~[~~[v]~~](http://ucop.edu/uc-mission/index.html)~~; and,~~

**WHEREAS:** The California Master Plan for Higher Education states that a tuition free education is in the best interest of the state and should be continued for all California residents; and,

**WHEREAS:** The regents have voted to increase the base cost of tuition for a resident undergraduate student at a University of California campus from $12,294 to $12,630 not including books, room & board, insurance, campus-based fees, and personal costs effective with the 2017-2018 academic year[[vi]](http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/aar/janb.pdf); and,

**Whereas:** The base cost of tuition for a nonresident undergraduate student increased from $38,976 to $40,644[[vi]](http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/aar/janb.pdf); and,

**WHEREAS:** Tuition has nearly doubled in the ten year span from the 2007-2008 academic year to the 2017-2018 academic year[[vii]](http://ucop.edu/operating-budget/_files/fees/documents/history_fees.pdf); and,

**WHEREAS:** Increasing tuition can hinder a student’s progress toward a degree, causing them to cut class loads to work more hours, taking academic leaves, or even drop out of university entirely; and,

**WHEREAS:** Despite an increasing number of enrollment, the state spends significantly less money on public universities than it has in the early 2000’s; and,

**WHEREAS:** Regents Brody, De La Pena, Elliot, Gould, Island, Kieffer, Landing, Lozano, Makarechian, Napolitano, Ortiz Oakley, Pattiz, Schroeder, Sherman, Verner, and Zettel have voted to increase undergraduate tuition which resulted in its subsequent increase; and,

**WHEREAS:** Regent William De La Pena has been found to breach the ethics rules of the University of California by brokering deals between the University of California, Los Angeles and his own personal ophthalmology clinics.[[viii]](https://ww2.kqed.org/news/2016/05/03/uc-regent-violated-ethics-rules-review-finds/); and,

**~~WHEREAS:~~** ~~Regent Gareth Elliot is a partner at Sacramento Advocates, Inc., a California lobbying firm, in which clients include large scale corporations such as The Microsoft Corporation, Western Union, Astra Zeneca, AT&T Inc, and The Kraft Heinz Company~~[~~[ix]~~](http://www.sacramentoadvocates.com/client.htm)~~; and~~,

**WHEREAS:** Regent Monica Lazano sits on the board of directors for Bank of America, a large corporation which actively exploits prison labor and contributes to the prison industrial complex; and,

**~~WHEREAS:~~** ~~UC President Janet Napolitano has a record of deporting roughly 400,000 people during her 4 year tenure as the U.S Secretary of Homeland Security; and,~~

**WHEREAS:** Governor Jerry Brown has proposed to gradually phase out the the middle class scholarship, which has provided 190,000 scholarships to students in need; and,

**~~WHEREAS:~~** ~~These tuition hikes also fall in conjunction with the confirmation of U.S Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, who although has no opinion on higher education, is very public about her agenda about the privatization of K-12 Education; and,~~

**WHEREAS:** The regents who have voted to increase tuition are ~~essentially~~ voting to privatize what is supposed to be a public institution of higher education which is supposed to be affordable for all students especially residents of California; and,

**WHEREAS:** In addition to the regents voting to increase tuition, have also voted to increase the annual salary of chancellors by 4% at their September 13th regents meeting at UC San Diego; and,

**WHEREAS:** The regents voting to increase tuition in conjunction with increasing the salaries of chancellors presents a case of fiscal irresponsibility and misuse of student tuition; and,

**~~THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 68TH ASSOCIATED STUDENTS ASSEMBLED:~~** ~~We call on the UC Regents to undergo structural reforms that will foster a more ethical and public serving board which specifically include but not limited to,~~

1. ~~Shortening term length for UC Regents~~
2. ~~Requiring a background in public education and in the field of education~~
3. ~~Requiring regents to resign from the board of any private entity before they assume their seats; and,~~

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED:** ASUCSB calls on Chancellor Yang and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Margaret Klawunn to explore more *financial* avenues of stable *university based* funding that can go towards students *(i.e. more scholarships,etc.)*; and,

**LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED:** That ASUCSB gives the UC Regents who voted to increase tuition at the January 26, 2017 regents meeting as well as subsequently voting to increase the annual salaries of all chancellors at the September 13, 2017 regents meeting vote of no confidence for they do not represent the ideals and values of UC undergraduate students and demands them to work towards lowering tuition and ultimately a tuition-free UC;

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[[vii]](http://ucop.edu/operating-budget/_files/fees/documents/history_fees.pdf)http://ucop.edu/operating-budget/\_files/fees/documents/history\_fees.pdf

[[viii]](https://ww2.kqed.org/news/2016/05/03/uc-regent-violated-ethics-rules-review-finds/)https://ww2.kqed.org/news/2016/05/03/uc-regent-violated-ethics-rules-review-finds/

[[ix]](http://www.sacramentoadvocates.com/client.htm)http://www.sacramentoadvocates.com/client.htm

CC:

Janet Napolitano

Regents of the University of California

UCSA

Chancellor Yang

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Margaret Klawunn