

A Resolution in Support of Student Efforts to Lobby for a Fully Funded CSU
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WHEREAS, The governor's budget has projected a 10% cut across the board which includes but is not limited to the California State University (CSU); and

WHEREAS, The CSU is facing a budget cut of approximately 386.1 million dollars which may cut into important university elements which include but are not limited to academic instruction, student support services, and administrative support; and,

WHEREAS, The California State Student Association (CSSA), System Wide Academic Senate (ASCSU), CSU Employees Union (CSUEU), and The California Faculty Association (CFA) have all pledged to unite efforts to lobby against the cuts that would drastically affect the CSU; and,

WHEREAS, CSSA is having its annual lobby day and a rally in Sacramento on April 21st 2008 against the cuts given to the CSU as proposed by the Governor; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, The Academic Senate CSUSM endorses students to participate in official Lobby efforts by the CSU which include the rally in April sponsored by CSSA; and further be it,

RESOLVED, The Academic Senate will suggest that professors give students an excused absence without penalty to those who participate in official lobby efforts and have proof, which will be provided by Associated Students Inc. and/or the CSSA; and finally be it,

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, President Karen Haynes, CSUSM Professors, Adjunct Faculty, CFA, the Academic Senate CSU, California State Student Association (CSSA), CSU Associated Students, and the University of California Student Association.

RATIONALE: Associated Students Inc. in conjunction with the CSSA and other segments in the CSU want students to engage in the political process to encourage civic engagement and co-curricular activity. The end goal is to provide a fully funded system that includes a stabilization of fees. In order to do this, there must be active participation from all sectors of the CSU which includes but is not limited to: the Students, Faculty, Staff, and Administration. The resolution is NOT intended to give students a day off, but get them actively engaged about what it means to be a stakeholder in this institution. Students that participate in the lobby day will be educated about the political process and will gain a deeper understanding of the university and be empowered to be lifelong leaders in the State of California.