



Resolution to Support a CSUSM Food Pantry

Resolution 2016-04

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Whereas, the Associated Students, Inc. of the California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) Board of Directors is the official governing body of the students of CSUSM; and

Whereas, Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) of California State University San Marcos is the primary advocate for students at CSUSM and is dedicated to providing services designed to create and enhance a learning-focused campus environment; and

Whereas, it is ASI's mission to serve, engage, and empower students, ASI has the responsibility to inform CSUSM students about issues that affect our student population; and

Whereas, the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior defines food insecurity as the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods and limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways

Whereas, food insecurity, among college students, has been a prevalent issue for many years and is rising due to the increasing cost of living and college expenses; and

Whereas, according to a 2014 report by *Feeding America*, one in ten hungry adults seeking emergency foods assistance is a student – two million of whom are studying full time at a university; and

Whereas, in 2015, the California State University Chancellor Timothy P. White charged a research team to understand and address the housing and food security needs of CSU students; and

Whereas, the first phase of the CSU study reported that an estimated 21-24 percent of California State University students are food insecure; and

Whereas, in (2016), the National College Health Assessment found that 50.27 % of CSUSM students meet criteria for experiencing food insecurity, which is more than double the percentage cited in the CSU-wide study; and

Whereas, according to the National College Health Assessment, 38.0% of CSUSM students worried whether food would run out before they got money to buy more, 42.8% of CSUSM students could not afford to eat balanced meals, 34.1% of CSUSM students cut the size of their meals or skipped meals because there was not enough money or food, 31.0% of CSUSM students were hungry but did not eat because they could not afford enough food, and 17.4% of CSUSM students did not eat for a whole day because there was not enough money or food; and

Whereas, according to the Executive Summary of the CSU study, *Serving Displaced and Food Insecure Students in the CSU*, 11 CSU campuses have programs for food insecure students ranging from small pantries to large food programs and services; and

Whereas, the California State Student Association policy agenda states the importance of research, as well as the importance of establishing the best practices for food pantry creation and sustainability on campus; and

Whereas, the CSUSM Food Pantry would address global issues, increase food availability to students, decrease campus food waste, reduce stigma regarding food insecurity, enhance food security throughout the CSUSM community, and educate people on nutritional health; and

Whereas, students who experience food insecurity struggle to reach milestones and need additional institutional support to continue their studies

Whereas, the CSUSM Food Pantry would allow students to increase their focus on academics rather than food, nutrition, and financial burdens; and

Whereas, hunger poses negative impact on overall physical and mental health

Whereas, the CSUSM Food Pantry would work towards increasing CSUSM retention rates; now therefore be it

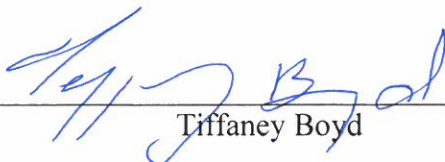
Resolved, that Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors of CSUSM proposes the creation of a CSUSM food pantry on campus; and let it be further

Resolved, that Associated Students, Inc. will fully support the campus in their search for a permanent location for the food pantry; and let it be further

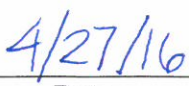
Resolved, that once a food pantry is established on campus, Associated Students, Inc. will be responsible for maintaining the food pantry's operation; and let it be further

Resolved, that Associated Students, Inc. forwards this resolution to the CSUSM Office of the President, Chancellor Timothy White, the California State Student Association, the CSU Board of Trustees, the Cougar Chronicle Newspaper, the CSUSM Academic Senate, and all CSUSM Student Organizations.

I, Tiffany Boyd, ASI President & CEO, hereby certify that the above Resolution was approved by the Board of Directors of Associated Students, Inc., at a regularly scheduled meeting held on April 15, 2016



Tiffany Boyd



Date