

**Affirmation of Middle Class Families' Right to an Excellent and Affordable College Education**

**WHEREAS:** The students of CSU, Chico have always elected the Associated Students officers to be their representative voice concerning issues which impact the student body; and

**WHEREAS:** Currently enrolled students, and alumni of CSU, Chico have witnessed the impact of continually rising tuition on the CSU system and the state of California; and

**WHEREAS:** Previous voter referenda, and some legislators' unwillingness to raise revenue to fund the CSU, has resulted in billions cut from the system over the last decade. Students have been forced to pay increased tuition in order to maintain the educational efficacy of the system; and

**WHEREAS:** Current federal and state financial aid policies do not provide financial assistance for middle class families who want an excellent and affordable education for their children. This lack of assistance was caused, in part, by unforeseen economic circumstances, which most severely impact the middle class; and

**WHEREAS:** The Middle Class Scholarship Act, supported by a large majority in the state legislature, will cut tuition for middle class families by 2/3. This legislation will positively impact all current and future members of our diverse student body by making college more affordable and accessible for Californians; therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** The elected officers of the Associated Students of CSU, Chico endorse the Middle Class Scholarship Act because we believe that this legislation will positively impact our campus and community. This legislation will help middle class students realize their potential by ensuring they have affordable access to a high quality college education. We, as a body, believe that these students have struggled for too long to attain their goals and dreams, and that it is time for us to take concrete action to mitigate those struggles; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That this resolution be forwarded to the students of CSU, Chico, the CSU Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, President Paul Zingg, the campus Academic Senate, and to the CSU Chico faculty.

GAC approved:  
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