

Adopted by the Student Academic Senate: April 22, 2015

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Resolution Verifying that the Community Legal Information Center
is an Inseparable Component of the Political Science Major with an Option
in Legal Studies, and Approving its Request for Sufficient Classroom Space

Whereas: The Community Legal Information Center (hereafter, "CLIC") has spent the past 45 years educating Chico State students of all majors, and serving the Chico Community. CLIC provides students the opportunity to work in a professional legal office setting. Students are trained and educated in practices utilized by paralegals and legal professionals in addition to applying their academic coursework into CLIC's experiential learning atmosphere, and

Whereas: In order to receive a degree in Political Science: Legal Studies option, students must perform the requirements in two courses: Internship in Legal Studies (Political Science 489K) and Internship in Public Law (Political Science 489L). CLIC Directorships (POLS 495) can be used as an elective for this major. On average, CLIC registers over 359 Political Science units a semester, equivalent to 90 interns per semester. (CLIC Directorships (POLS 495)) are worth more units, because there are more requirements and the time commitment is much longer), and

Whereas: CLIC operates under the California State Bar licenses of four Political Science faculty members (hereafter, "supervising attorneys") as a regular course assignment. The supervising attorneys teach client interviewing skills, legal ethics and legal research and writing techniques to students. These weekly class meetings also train students on how to formulate legal questions so they can perform research and provide information to clients. All CLIC classes follow an academic syllabus that identifies course objectives, which include, knowledge and skill objectives, instructor expectations and a class schedule, and

Whereas: CLIC does not restrict its courses to Legal Studies majors, students from a variety of majors participate in the classes provided by CLIC. Over the past three years CLIC provided units to the following majors: Anthropology, Asian Studies, Business Administration, Communications, Construction Management, Criminal Justice, History, all Political Science options, Psychology, Sociology, Women's Studies, and

Whereas: CLIC is currently required to pay rent for classroom/lab space because space is not provided by the University that meets CLIC's financial and spatial needs, and

Whereas: In fall of 2012, CLIC was forced to decrease its student enrollment, because of capacity restrictions imposed by the Fire Marshall in CLIC's current location. Prior to these restrictions, CLIC enrolled 113 interns, registering 440 units in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. After the restrictions, CLIC was forced to split its departments into two different locations, 25 Main Street and Plumas Hall 100, in addition to reducing placements in 25 Main location. Therefore be it

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Resolved: That CLIC be officially recognized as an inseparable component of the Legal Studies program of California State University, Chico in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences: Political Science Department, and be provided classroom/lab space and be it further

Resolved: That the University provide CLIC with rent-free space located on campus that can house at least 25 students at a time. In the event that no space is available, be it further

Resolved: That CLIC's current location at 25 Main Street is expanded to meet its spatial needs, specifically the square footage allowing 25 people to occupy CLIC at a time, reuniting each of CLIC's departments into one location. In addition, CLIC and the Associated Students will no longer be responsible for the 25 Main Street rent and that the financial responsibility be shifted to the University, and be it further

Resolved: That this Resolution be distributed to the Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Academic Senate, Staff Council, Space Allocation Committee, and the Campus Facilities Use Committee.