



Resolution in Support of the Student Access Initiative with the Preservation of University Hour

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) of California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) is the
2 official representative body and voice of CSUSM’s approximately 12,000 students, and is
3 entrusted to represent the best interest of our constituents; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** it is the mission of ASI to educate students on issues that impact them, and advocate for
5 the student perspective to the appropriate parties, which include the university
6 administration and faculty, and government representatives and agencies on the local,
7 statewide and national levels; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** University Hour (U-Hour) originated in 2004 through a student-driven process with the
9 conviction that the University community would benefit from a designated time during
10 which students – in partnership with staff and faculty – can offer programs and events, hold
11 student organization meetings, and afford opportunities for peer collaboration; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** the establishment of U-Hour was cited as a significant example of the student body’s
13 leadership role in community engagement in the 2010 Carnegie Community Engagement
14 Elective Classification application; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** U-Hour has been successful over the past ten years in creating a high-impact time that
16 attains a high yield of student, staff, and faculty participation and collaboration; and
- 17 **WHEREAS,** Student Life and Campus Climate are two of the five institutional strategic priorities
18 highlighted in the University Strategic Plan, and structured time available during U-Hour for
19 intentional programming works synergistically with the increased student life space in the
20 new University Student Union to significantly contribute to the advancement of these
21 strategic priorities; and
- 22 **WHEREAS,** U-Hour advances student success by dedicating a conflict-free, high-impact time period
23 during which intentional programming aligned with the CSUSM Co-Curricular Model can be
24 implemented; and
- 25 **WHEREAS,** ASI understands the goals of the Student Access Initiative to increase student access to
26 classes and timely graduation of students by giving students more flexibility in creating a
27 schedule and more non-overlapping classes from which to choose; streamlining final exam
28 schedules; reducing the number of impossible to place classes; and improving classroom
29 utilization; and
- 30 **WHEREAS,** ASI recognizes the concerns of some students when implementing new initiatives and
31 priorities which shift the campus culture, such as the Student Access Initiative;



32 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

33 **RESOLVED,** ASI remains strongly convicted of the importance and benefit of preserving U-Hour at a
34 high-impact time between 11:30am – 2:00pm; and

35 **RESOLVED,** ASI believes that the intent and success of U-Hour is achieved only when the designated
36 time is free of conflicting academic instruction, with the exception of some labs; and

37 **RESOLVED,** ASI supports the Student Access Initiative in the form presented at the November 21, 2014
38 ASI Board of Directors meeting, including the preservation of University Hour with a shift in
39 time to 12:50 – 1:50pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and

40 **RESOLVED,** ASI encourages the facilitation of continued dialogue and education across all campus
41 constituents regarding the concerns and benefits of implementing the Student Access
42 Initiative; and be it finally

43 **RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution will be distributed to CSUSM President Karen Haynes, the
44 CSUSM Academic Senate, and The Cougar Chronicle.

45 **Date of Approval of Resolution by the ASI Board of Directors: November 21, 2014**