



Resolution to: Support CSUSM Project Rebound

Resolution 2018-02

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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, a survey conducted by the Transitions Collective student organization stated that out of a sample size of 163 at California State University San Marcos, 8% have been formerly incarcerated and 71.8% are system impacted individuals (persons who have experienced confinement or if a significant other, next to kin, or friend has been affected by having loved ones incarcerated); and
- Whereas, San Francisco State University's (SFSU) Project Rebound was founded in 1967, with the vision of successfully re-integrating formerly incarcerated individuals into society via higher education, by John Keith Irwin, PhD, and a formerly incarcerated individual who taught for 26 years in the Sociology Department at SFSU; and
- Whereas, nine other California State University (CSU) campuses-- Sacramento, San Bernardino, Fresno, Bakersfield, Fullerton, San Diego, Pomona, Long Beach, and Los Angeles-- are enrolling formerly-incarcerated individuals into the program, assisting students to graduate with baccalaureate degrees, earn advanced academic degrees and become more valuable members of society; and
- Whereas, the Project Rebound Regional Team and Jason Bell, Regional Director of Project Rebound, endorse the replication of this program at California State University San Marcos; and
- Whereas, Palomar and Mira Costa Community Colleges both have the Transitions Program for formerly incarcerated students. CSUSM must meet the regional needs of formerly incarcerated students and system impacted individuals; and
- Whereas, a program like Project Rebound will provide all the resources such as mentoring, recruitment, tutoring, retention and academic success necessary to empower our students; and

Whereas, Project Rebound at San Francisco State University's 2016 year-end report shows that 95% of formerly incarcerated people who pursue higher education do not recidivate. This program alleviates the problem that leads to high rates of recidivism in way that are cost effective to the State of California and empowering formerly incarcerated and system impacted communities; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate California State University at Office of the Chancellor as of January 26th 2018 passed a resolution to support the implementation of Project Rebound by urging the Governor of California and the California Legislature to provide funding for Project Rebound by transferring funds from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; and

Whereas, according to The Legislative Analyst's Office, the State of California, in 2017-2018, allocated 11.3 billion to California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation¹. Corrections account almost 9% of California general funds, while the University of California and the California State University System collectively receive 5.2%²; and

Whereas, the U.S. accounts for 5% of the world's population yet houses more than 20% of the incarcerated population of the world³ costing California State tax payers 7.7% of the State budget⁴; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Education stated that congress, in 1994, via a federal crime bill, made incarcerated individuals ineligible to receive Pell Grants, then former President Barack Obama introduced the Second Chance Pell Program that allows incarcerated individuals to apply for student Financial Aid prior to being released so that they may take advantage of educational opportunities upon release to pursue higher education with the goal of helping them get jobs, support their families, and transform their lives⁵; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that Associated Students, Inc. at California State University San Marcos will support the implementation of Project Rebound to help formerly incarcerated and system impacted students transition into higher education and succeed in their respective communities,

Resolved, that Associated Students, Inc. at California State University San Marcos will urge campus partners to provide foundational resources that support program infrastructure to help recruit and support student success through admission, retention, advising, graduation and be it further,

Resolved, that Associated Students, Inc. at California State University San Marcos encourage the California State University San Marcos Academic Senate to endorse Project Rebound as a program to be expanded and replicated throughout the California State University system,

1. <http://www.lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/3595>

2. <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/california-expenditures-corrections-and-public-education>

3. <https://www.aclu.org/prison-crisis>

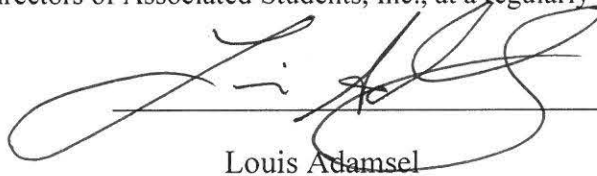
4. <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/budget/2017-18/#/Home>

5. <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-launches-second-chance-pell-pilot-program-incarceratedindividuals>

Resolved, that Associated Students, Inc. at California State University San Marcos 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.

Resolved, that Associated Students Inc. will urge the Office of the Chancellor to uphold and commit to their Inclusive Excellence initiative as stated in the CSU 2017 Fact Book, The CSU strives to create a welcoming environment for all members of the campus communities. This commitment to “inclusive excellence” is manifested in students who make up the most ethnically, economically and academically diverse student body in the nation reaching higher levels of success than ever as completion rates continue to reach all-time highs. The university continues to invest in strategies to close achievement and opportunity gaps for underserved and low-income students. The CSU is an engine for social mobility as those students earn high-quality education that propels them into higher economic strata⁶.

I, Louis Adamsel, 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 February 2, 2018


Louis Adamsel

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Date