Thursday, December 15, 2011

Dr. Charles Reed
Chancellor
California State University

Dr. Horace Mitchell
President
California State University, Bakersfield

Dr. Thomas Wallace
Vice President for Student Affairs
California State University, Bakersfield

Cabinet Members
California State University, Bakersfield

Executive Committee
Academic Senate
California State University, Bakersfield

ASI Presidents
California State University Campuses

Board of Directors
California State Student Association

Opposition of the Violent Protests
Dear President Mitchell, Vice President Wallace, Executive Committee of the CSUB Academic Senate, Cabinet Members, ASI Presidents of each CSU campus, Board Members for the California State Student Association, and Board Members for the University of California Student Association.

The fall months have been challenging to students perusing a higher education in California. So much so that violent demonstrations have erupted across our state where students have begun to express their discontent with the conditions they face as students.

Please find attached a resolution in response to the recent statewide student demonstrations passed by the CSU Bakersfield, Associated Students Inc. (ASI) on November 18, 2011. With this resolution, ASI expresses its support for non-violent protests on university campuses across the state and urges President Mitchell and other university administrators to publicly commit to making our university a safe location for peaceful public assembly.

Thank you for your time, consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Lauren Gods
President, Associated Students, Inc., CSU Bakersfield
WHEREAS: ASI exists to provide an official voice through which students’ opinions and issues may be expressed regarding university and statewide affairs. ASI seeks to assist in the protection of the rights and interests of individual students and the student body as a whole. ASI provides resources and programs that encourage leadership development and broaden social, educational, political and cultural awareness for the betterment of the students; AND

WHEREAS: ASI is primarily responsible for representing students of CSU Bakersfield in matters regarding student advocacy and external affairs including lobby visits, marches, and other political activities; AND

WHEREAS: At the November CSU Board of Trustees meeting the Trustees voted to raise tuition by 9% AND;

WHEREAS: ASI does not agree with any tuition increase that is placed on students; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: ASI does support student protests against tuition increases, however ASI does not condone any protests that are violent or malicious nor any acts of slander or actions that attack the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor of the CSU System, or the Administrators of the CSUB; BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: ASI will not support any organization that maliciously attacks the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor of the CSU System, or the Administrators of the CSUB, and does not condone the actions that took place by the protestors at the November Board of Trustees Meeting; BE IT FINALLY
RESOLVED: ASI will distribute this resolution to The CSU Chancellor’s Office, CSU Bakersfield Administration, CSU Bakersfield Academic Senate, ASI Presidents of CSU campuses, and the California State Student Association.

Approved by the Board of Directors 11/18/2011

Approved by: 

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Lauren Goodsi, President

Noted & Recorded by: 

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Taren Mulhause, Executive Director