ER 301
ASI Opposes Program Reform Without Student Input.

WHEREAS: It is the mission of the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) of California State University, Bakersfield exists to provide an official voice through which students' opinions and issues may be expressed regarding university and statewide affairs; AND

WHEREAS: discussion of a program undergoing moratorium or discontinuation should include student involvement as the Academic Planning Manual states that, “in the spirit of open communication, the ASI President and Executive Director will be notified early in the discontinuance process,” AND;

WHEREAS: the Chancellor’s office mandates shared governance to include students via Student Participation in Policy Development which states, “Associated student body organizations established at each university…shall serve as the official representative body of students of that campus. The presidents will provide these officially recognized associated student body organizations an opportunity to offer opinions and make recommendations about campus policy and procedures that have or will have an effect upon students,” AND;

WHEREAS: it is stated in California State University, Bakersfield’s vision under an organizational culture committed to excellence in all areas “Another significant factor that affects a campus’ organizational culture is whether or not there exists a sense of campus community – a shared sense of purpose, belonging, and mutual respect and shared accountability for the institutions’ future. Current UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert M. Berdahl said in his inaugural address in 1998, “The fundamental ecology of a just community is that each member must put back into it at least as much as they take out.” His statement speaks to the need for each of us to be net contributors to the campus, rather than being someone who consumes a disproportionate amount of the campus’ energy and
goodwill with our own issues. Campus Community is seen in an ethos of service to the institution and to each other. It is characterized by an atmosphere of open communication, transparency in decision-making processes, and interpersonal relationships among faculty, students and staff that reflect mutual support, mentoring and good colleagueship,” AND;

WHEREAS: changing and/or eliminating a program impacts current and future students; THEREFORE LET IT BE

RESOLVED: that ASI respectfully requests that the program discontinuation of BA in religious studies start over to include the student voice to be represented via a student appointed by ASI; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: in future processes pertaining to changing or eliminating a program, ASI will be notified in order to represent the student voice in the discussions as the Academic Planning Manual states.

Approved by the board 5/24/2013

Approved by:

Emily Schnell, V.P. of External Affairs  Hernan Hernandez, President