

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3306-17/APEP/FGA
September 14-15, 2017

SUPPORT FOR AB 19 (2017) COMMUNITY COLLEGES: CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISES

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) urge Governor Brown to approve AB 19 (2017) Community Colleges: California College Promise; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to the CSU Board of Trustees, California State Student Association (CSSA), Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges, Academic Senate of the University of California, California Community Colleges' Board of Governors, Assemblymembers Santiago, Chiu, McCarty, E. Garcia, Gipson, O'Donnell and Quirk-Silva, and Senator Hernandez.

***RATIONALE:** AB 19 is currently awaiting Governor Brown's signature. Should it become law, AB 19 will expand access to financial aid and decrease student debt, promote equity, increase enrollment, improve academic performance, boost college completion rates, and positively impact the community. The legislative counsel's digest for AB 19 reads:*

“Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state. Existing law requires community college district governing boards to charge students an enrollment fee of \$46 per unit per semester. Existing law requires the board of governors to waive this fee for students meeting prescribed requirements.”

This bill would establish the California College Promise, to be administered by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, which shall distribute funding, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to each community college meeting prescribed requirements to be used to, among other things, accomplish specified policy goals and waive fees for one academic year for first-time students who are enrolled in 12 or more semester units or the equivalent at the college and complete and submit either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a California Dream Act application.

Approved - September 14-15, 2017