



## **Memorandum of Understanding A Legal Binding Contract**

### **Background-**

The California State Student Association (CSSA) and the Associated Students (AS) recognize that the success of student advocacy and representation depends on the collective efforts of local Associated Student auxiliaries and a viable statewide student organization. The CSSA depends on the spirit of volunteerism, leadership, and financial support from each AS in the California State University system. AS support serves for the purpose of enhancing the accessibility of quality education for the people of California. The AS recognizes that CSSA exists to represent, serve, and protect mutual interests and to provide a unified voice for the students before CSU Board of Trustees, State Legislature and the Governor of California.

The association's constitution outlines the benefits of being a dues-paying member of CSSA and the various privileges for being an active member; including, the privilege of seeking election to office, being appointed to special officer positions, systemwide committees and/or other leadership roles on the CSSA Board of Directors.

### **The Memorandum of Understanding-**

Associated Students agrees to pay \$0.60 cents per headcount student at the respective campus. The headcount numbers have been calculated and provided the Office of the Chancellor Analytical Studies department. Membership dues will be invoiced in August and payment is due in full to CSSA by September 30, 2009.

As a dues paying member, the AS is granted the right to implement statewide campaigns at the campus level, actively participate in statewide student advocacy efforts, exercise their vote at board meetings, receive on-sight training by CSSA, be eligible to pursue a leadership position on the board, assume appointment to systemwide and statewide committees; as well as, take positions on initiatives without Board of Trustees approval. Representatives from dues paying campuses are also eligible to officially represent CSU students before the Governor, state legislature, Congress, board of trustees, Office of the Chancellor and/or seek appointment to systemwide task forces.

It is further understood that membership dues shall be implemented according to the CSSA Dues Membership Policy.

The CSSA and the AS further agree that the financial stability of CSSA is predicted on the extent to which the terms of this agreement is upheld by the undersigned parties, regardless of the nature of the elective or appointive office sought, or the outcome of any election. Therefore, it is understood and agreed that this memorandum of understanding shall be entered into and upheld by both parties prior to June 13, 2009.

The Associated Students association shall pay 100% of dues by September 30, 2009. Failing to comply with this agreement will cause the Associated Students to have breached a legally binding mutual contract with the California State Student Association (CSSA).

On this date \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of the Associated Students at \_\_\_\_\_ (Campus Name), I \_\_\_\_\_ ( AS President's Name) am committed to statewide student advocacy, student representation and civic engagement; therefore, I agree that this is a legal binding document that commits the Associated Students of \_\_\_\_\_ (Campus Name) to pay the full amount of membership dues by September 30, 2009.

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ASI President's Printed Name

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Signature Date

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ASI Executive Director/ General Manager

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Signature Date

Tim Snyder, CSSA Chair 2008-2009



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Signature Date

May 8, 2009

Sarah Vagts, CSSA Interim Executive Director

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Signature Date