WHEREAS, The people of California have bestowed a public trust on the members of the California State University to promote and provide a high-quality, postsecondary education for Californians; and

WHEREAS, The California legislature has ordained that this responsibility be exercised through a system of shared governance, which currently includes faculty, staff, students and administrators; and

WHEREAS, Significant student fee increases are keeping many Californians from attaining a university education, and creating long-term financial liabilities for many others; and

WHEREAS, The decline in faculty numbers and pay, and the corresponding marked increase in class size, together have significantly compromised teaching quality within the CSU; and

WHEREAS, The management approach and priorities of the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor’s Office have resulted in building up the authority, pay, and numbers of management personnel, while decreasing the same for faculty; and

WHEREAS, Initiatives and policies have been created and enacted by the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor’s Office without significant prior and/or ongoing consultation with faculty, staff, students and administrators, and in some cases against the express wishes of representatives of those parties (e.g., mandatory early start programs, the CalState Online initiative, and the graduation initiative); therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of California State University, Chico (CSUC), consisting of faculty, staff, students and administrators, urges all appropriate bodies, especially the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor’s Office, to make every effort to mitigate fee increases for all students, including students in extension courses, so that they predictably correlate with general inflation and cost of living increases; and

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate (CSUC) urges the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor’s Office to embrace and fully participate in true shared governance with faculty, staff, students and administrators, on matters of academic policies and programs and in other areas appropriate to their roles and responsibilities; and

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate (CSUC) urges the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor’s Office to negotiate contracts in a way that reflects our shared purpose and consistently seeks common ground; and

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate (CSUC) urges that the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor’s Office advocate, forcefully and unrelentingly, for the restoration of state funding for the California State University system, especially for instructional purposes and other activities that support student learning and progress to degree; and

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate (CSUC) urges the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor’s Office to adopt a management approach and establish a set of clear priorities that reverse the trend of sacrificing effective authority, pay, and numbers of faculty in favor of that of management; and

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate (CSUC) urges the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor’s Office to provide greater autonomy to individual campuses to respond to local conditions and achieve increased efficiency in operations (e.g., with enrollment targets); and

RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, Campus Senate Chairs, and Campus Academic Senates.