

**Associated Students of Saint Mary's College of California**  
**Resolution for Tuition Transparency**

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WHEREAS;

Acknowledging the concerns voiced by faculty, staff, and students on Saint Mary's College of California Campus;

Accepting the need for the Associated Student Senate to be part of the decision-making process because they are the bridge between Saint Mary's Administration and Student Body;

Recognizing that tuition has increased significantly for the past three years from \$47,130 for the 2018-2019 Academic Year to \$48,988 for the 2019-2020 Academic Year, increasing by \$1,858; and most recently to \$50,460 for the 2020-2021 Academic Year, increasing by \$1,472;

Acknowledging the third part of Saint Mary's College of California Vision statement: To create a student-centered educational community whose members support one another with mutual understanding and respect, as well as the Lasallian Core principles of Concern for the Poor and Social Justice, Quality Education, and Respect for All Persons;

Recognizing a crucial part of the Saint Mary's College of California's Mission Statement is student-centered;

Acknowledging the low retention rates and high transfer rates for the past two years at Saint Mary's College of California;

THEREFORE;

The Associated Students Senate of Saint Mary's College of California hereby proposes the creation of a standard to involve Associated Students Senate in the tuition decision-making process by;

1. Annually appointing an Associated Student Senate representative to the Budget Committee, Chaired by the Vice President for Finance and Administration.
2. Having the tuition decision-making process be public knowledge.
3. Having tuition increase presented at an Associated Students Senate of the Whole Meeting so that Associated Students and the public can have a chance to comment on it.
4. Having the Associated Students Senate send an email to the student body prior to the meeting informing the Saint Mary's community of the time and date of the tuition increase presentation by the Vice President for Finance & Administration or Designee.

The Associated Students calls for the creation of a communication system in which students are appropriately informed :

1. Making sure the Associated Students Senate is properly informed so they can tell their respected class.
2. When changes occur, a formal email must be sent, prior to the dates of class registration, including important details as to why the change in tuition has occurred.

A response is due no later than 5:30pm on Friday June 5th, 2020 to the Associated Student Body President.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate and submitted to the Associated Students President:

Approve

Veto

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President

Associated Students of Saint Mary's College of California