TITLE: A Resolution to Set a Policy Platform Regarding Higher Education in Idaho

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: 9/14/2016

INTRODUCED BY: Josh Scholer, ASBSU Student Lobbyist

I. Purpose

This resolution will establish a policy statement and platform regarding higher education in Idaho. It will serve as the unified view of the Associated Students of Boise State University.

II. Rationale

WHEREAS, higher education is an investment for the state of Idaho, and all Idahoans share the benefits directly related to a more educated workforce and populace; and

WHEREAS, in 2013-2014, for every dollar invested in higher education, the average Idahoan taxpayer received $5 in return and $4.1 billion in total was contributed to the economy supporting nearly 83,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, it is projected 68% of all jobs in Idaho are going to require at least some sort of higher education, with many requiring a four-year degree; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho aims to have 60% of Idahoans between the ages of 25-34 complete and receive a college degree or certificate by 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of Boise State University, that this resolution serve as the official policy statement and platform of the Associated Students of Boise State University. Furthermore, the Associated Students of Boise State University call upon the Idaho Legislature to increase investment in higher education which benefits all Idahoans.

III. Provisions

This resolution will be delivered, post haste, to the all parties involved in the conversation and implementation of the above change.

This resolution will be posted on the Associated Students of Boise State University website as the policy statement and platform regarding higher education funding in Idaho.

V. Fiscal Impact

This resolution would have no direct fiscal impact on the budget.

TO BE COMMUNICATED TO:
University President, Dr. Bob Kustra; Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Dr. Leslie Webb; Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Dr. Jeremiah Shinn; Dean of Students, Dr. Chris Wuthrich; The Arbiter; Idaho Governor, C.L. “Butch” Otter; U.S. Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch, U.S. House Representatives Raul Labrador and Mike Simpson; The Idaho State Senate; The Idaho State House of Representatives; The Idaho Statesman, The Boise Weekly, The Spokesman Review: Eye on Boise, KTVB, KIVI-TV, KBOI 2, Melissa Davlin; Idaho Public Television, Boise State Public Radio

APPROVAL:

By the ASBSU Executive Council on 9/19/16 by a vote of 8 (in favor) and 0 (opposed) and 0 (abstaining).

By the ASBSU President

Rebecca Kopp

9-19-16

Date

By the ASBSU Student Assembly on 9/14/16 by a vote of 15 (in favor) and 0 (opposed) and 0 (abstaining).

By the ASBSU Vice President

Jade Donnelly

9-19-16

Date