

**SPRING 2012 RESOLUTIONS**

8.0			<b>FINANCIAL AID</b>
8.01		S12	<p><b>Access to Federal Student Loans</b>  <b>Emily Kinner, De Anza College</b></p> <p>Whereas, California Community College students' total costs of attendance can exceed \$17,000 even with comparatively low fees;</p> <p>Whereas, For students who need to borrow, federal student loans are the safest and most affordable form of borrowing with consumer protections and benefits including fixed interest rates, Income-Based Repayment, and Public Service Loan Forgiveness;</p> <p>Whereas, A growing number of California Community Colleges enrolling more than 200,000 students choose not to make federal student loans available to any of their students; and</p> <p>Whereas, Without access to federal student loans students may instead turn to riskier forms of debt like credit cards or private loans, or work excessive hours to cover college costs;</p> <p>Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges advocate for financial aid that supports college access and success;</p> <p>Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges affirm that students deserve a full range of choices when it comes to making decisions about how to finance college; and</p> <p>Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges urges all California Community Colleges to make federal student loans available to their students by participating in the federal student loan program.</p> <p><b>MSC Disposition: Student Senate, California Community Colleges</b>  <b>Assigned: Executive, Relations with Local Senates</b></p>