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Resolution in Support of SFSU Student Protestors

Whereas, the students at San Francisco State University (SFSU) engaged in a peaceful occupation of the business building in order to protest budget cuts; and

Whereas, after the occupation, an administrator who met with the students told students that if they did not immediately sign a statement indicating they would pay for the damages they might have caused, then they could face much harsher punishment; and

Whereas, the administrator told students the bill would fall in the range of \$50 to cover "paint chips" and "scuffs on the floor;" and

Whereas, each student then received a bill for \$744, which is not in the range of \$50 and which included costs to bring police from other campuses to SFSU; and

Whereas, the San Francisco Chronicle (April 24, 2010) reported that the administrator "now remembered that he had discussed such a deal [of only paying \$50] with them after all" and apologized to the students; and

Whereas, the only student who did not immediately sign a statement agreeing to pay for damages but exercised his right to have a hearing then received a much harsher punishment after his hearing took place by being suspended from school for one year, having a permanent notation on his file regarding disciplinary proceedings, and also fined \$744, although he did nothing different than the other students during the occupation,

Therefore be it Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council calls on President Robert Corrigan of SFSU to honor the original agreement between the administration and the students and impose a fine on the students only within the range of \$50; and

Therefore be it Finally Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council calls on President Robert Corrigan of SFSU to rescind the one-year suspension of the student who exercised his right to a hearing, remove any notations on his file, and impose a fine on him only within the range of \$50.

Submitted by Ann Robertson, CFA, and adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on June 14, 2010.

Respectfully,



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