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**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INC. – CSU STANISLAUS**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Students at California State University, Stanislaus will experience a change to the academic calendar for the first time in over thirty years. The elimination of Winter Term will take place during the 2010-2011 Academic Year. Over the years the academic calendar has been investigated thoroughly for both pedagogical, and most recently, financial reasons. Even though students have greatly benefited from Winter Term, we believe this change to the academic calendar will directly correlate to an increase in classes and sections offered in future semesters. With this consideration in mind ASI understands why this decision was made.

The ASI Senate researched an alternative option to changing the academic calendar; unfortunately state budget cuts to higher education and to the CSU in particular, have once again affected our ability to aggressively advocate on behalf of the students who attend CSU Stanislaus.

The Associated Students Inc. will continue to advocate for students regardless of the campus calendar model. We firmly believe: students must have a sufficient number of classes and sections available to them which will result in an increased rate of graduation; fees need to be as low as reasonably possible and the quality of our education must not be compromised.

ASI is the “voice of the students.” We take our role seriously as advocates for the students who have chosen to attend CSU Stanislaus.

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