

**ACADEMIC SENATE  
of  
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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March 9-10, 2000

**Communication and Collaboration with Campus Senates  
on Fiscal and Governmental Affairs**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) encourage campus senates to join the ASCSU's effort to establish and/or maintain good relations and effective communication with their local representatives in the State Senate and Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU encourage campus senates to establish liaison with their campus Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Offices or representatives.

*RATIONALE: One consequence of term limits is that fewer state legislators and staff remain in the Capitol with the knowledge and experience needed to effectively tackle the needs of the CSU. For this reason, it is increasingly important for campus senates to a) establish good working relations with members of the State Senate and Assembly and b) develop expertise in the areas of fiscal and government affairs so they can be effective advocates for sound education policy. Working with campus fiscal and governmental affairs staff as well as the ASCSU, campus senates can become better informed with respect to fiscal and government issues affecting education under consideration in the legislature and help shape the legislative agenda of the CSU. This effort begins with enhancing communications from the ASCSU to campus senates on issues and initiatives under consideration in the State Legislature that affect the CSU system. The ASCSU's Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee can facilitate communication by:*

*Providing campus academic senate chairs information to familiarize them with their local representatives in the State Senate and Assembly and legislation related to the CSU.*

*Providing campus academic senate chairs information on fiscal and government issues, including the budget, and positions of interest to the statewide academic senate.*

*Continuing to provide links to the text of bills being followed by the Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee on our web site (<http://www.calstate.edu/acsenate>).*

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