

**ACADEMIC SENATE
of
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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**Collegiality in Developing Academic Directions for
California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI)**

- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University commend CSU Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer David Spence for working with the Academic Senate of the California State University assigning responsibility for curricular planning at CSUCI to CSU faculty through the Academic Directions and Transitions Task Force of the Channel Islands Academic Advisory Council, and establishing the Statewide Senate Faculty Council (SSF Council) for CSUCI, thereby acknowledging the responsibility of the faculty for establishing the academic programs of CSUCI; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU commend the Office of the Chancellor for its reaffirmation of the principles of collegiality under shared governance while establishing a new campus. The role of the Statewide Senate Faculty Council in the CSUCI startup has been defined to include (1) the structuring and designing of all aspects of the academic programs at CSUCI, (2) direct involvement in selecting the president, provost, and other academic officers of CSUCI, and (3) participation in determining the initial cohort of faculty for CSUCI; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That it is important to affirm the process through which primary responsibility for the academic development of new campuses within the CSU occurs through the Academic Senate CSU. The Senate looks forward to similar close collaboration in the establishment of future institutions.

RATIONALE: The California State University System is the largest publicly-funded system of higher education. It works as well as it does, in part, because of the supportive, collegial atmosphere that principles of shared governance have engendered throughout the system. It is through the vertically collaborative efforts of administrators, faculty, and bargaining representatives that institutional and programmatic excellence has been attained. The successful application of the principles of shared governance requires true cooperation as well as both the principled commitment and the ongoing effort of all involved in the process. When these exist, especially at critical junctures in the governance process, they are worth noting and commending.

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