

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-2739-06/AA
March 9-10, 2006

Availability of Paper Copy of CSU Catalogs

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (CSU) fully support the attached joint resolution “REQUEST FOR PAPER COPY UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE CATALOGS” from the California Intersegmental Articulation Council (CIAC) and the California Community Colleges Transfer Center Directors Association (CCC-TCDA).

RATIONALE: In this day and age it is indisputable that class schedules and academic catalog content should be available in an online format. There are also situations where having a printed catalog is clearly advantageous – such as exploring various major and minor options when meeting with a student during freshman advising. In these and other situations spelled out in the rationale and cover letter of the attached resolution comprehension and speed of information access/conveyance can be improved with a paper copy of the university catalog(s). Similarly, having a paper copy of a catalog allows one to have a record of “old” degree requirements and the ability to examine course descriptors prior to their most recent revision without fear of losing conceivably critical information due to system updates.

Approved Unanimously – May 4-5, 2006

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California Intersegmental Articulation Council

A Professional Organization of California's Colleges and University Articulation Personnel

Attachment to AS-2739-06/AA

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TO: Marshelle Thobaben, Chair Academic Senate CSU

FR: CIAC and TCDA

RE: Paper Copy Catalog Resolution

CC: Ann Peacock, Executive Director, Academic Senate CSU

An issue that has been of concern to both Articulation Officers and Transfer Center Directors for some time is the diminishing number of colleges and universities who publish and/or distribute paper catalogs. Our effort to communicate to individual campuses the need for catalogs for Articulation Officers to do their jobs and for Transfer Centers to serve students, however, has not been successful.

Consequently, the professional organizations of the two respective groups---CIAC (California Intersegmental Articulation Council) and CCC-TCDA (California Community Colleges Transfer Center Directors Association)---have prepared a joint resolution requesting support from the administrations of the three segments of public higher education in California. Included here is that resolution. We are asking that the statewide Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges; the Academic Senate of the California State University; the Academic Senate of the University of California; and the Academic Senates of the various community college districts and university campuses introduce and pass resolutions expressing support for the CIAC/TCDA statement. We are prepared to assist in that process however we can.

Respectfully,

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**RESOLUTION
REQUEST FOR PAPER COPY UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE CATALOGS**

Whereas, There is a continuing legislative focus on improving the transfer process through clarity of intersegmental articulation and improved coordination of transfer services; and

Whereas, An increasing number of universities and colleges have in recent years reduced the availability of paper copy catalogs in lieu of less costly CD or online versions; and

Whereas, The Articulation Officers of all segments and the Transfer Center Directors at the California Community Colleges refer to university and college catalogs on a daily basis and often must compare more than one institution at a time, find it difficult and time consuming to work with CD or online versions of university or college catalogs, especially when consulting between the index and the body of multiple catalogs; and

Whereas, Paper copies of university and college catalogs are required tools for Articulation Officers and Transfer Center Directors to effectively and efficiently perform their jobs and meet their goal of making the transfer process more efficient; and

Whereas, Many of the CSU and UC campuses, as well as the University of California Office of the President, require paper copy community college catalogs to complete their articulation agreements; therefore

Be It Resolved, that the California Intersegmental Articulation Council (CIAC) and the Transfer Center Directors Association (TCDA) request the California State University Chancellor and the University of California President to urge their respective campuses to send at least two paper copies of their university catalogs to each of the 109 community colleges (one to the Articulation Officer and one to the Transfer Center Director) and the California Community College Chancellor to urge the community college campuses to send at least two paper copies of their college catalog to each of the 23 California State University and 9 University of California campuses; and

Be It Resolved, that the California Intersegmental Articulation Council (CIAC) and the Transfer Center Directors Association (TCDA) request the California Community College Chancellor and Presidents of Independent Institutions to encourage the exchange of at least one paper copy of their college and university catalogs where applicable admissions agreements or student transfer interest are evident.