

**ACADEMIC SENATE  
OF  
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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**High Quality Ed.D. Programs in Educational Leadership**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) recommend that the offices of the CSU Chancellor, the ASCSU, and the Ed.D. program faculty collaboratively provide leadership to assure that all of our new Doctorate in Educational Leadership programs:

- Respond to the unprecedented opportunities and challenges facing the public schools and community colleges;
- Prepare graduates who will provide effective leadership in the rapidly changing reform environment characterized by intense accountability amidst widespread skepticism about school and college effectiveness;
- Restore California's public schools and community colleges to positions of national prominence where excellence in student achievement results from the vision of educational leaders prepared by the CSU;
- Become national models in professional doctoral level education through student and faculty formulation of solutions to seemingly intractable student achievement problems, and the implementation of new curricula for the preparation of courageous, inspiring, and successful public school and community college leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) recommend that the offices of the CSU Chancellor, the ASCSU, and the Ed.D. program faculty consider the following activities:

- Sponsorship of a series of system-wide colloquia on the most promising research and practices in educational leadership,
- Establishment of organized research units that advance scholarship and inquiry in educational leadership,
- Sponsorship of conferences or similar events for the dissemination of research findings and validated practices to demonstrate that the faculty and our future graduates have contributed significantly to improving student achievement in our public schools and community colleges.

*RATIONALE: California State Senate Bill 724 (SB 724) was passed by both the Assembly and the Senate and signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger for the express purpose of meeting the state-wide demand for excellent educational leaders who can improve the academic performance of students in our K-12 schools and colleges. Our state legislators included a provision in the legislation requiring the CSU to demonstrate the effectiveness of the new programs in terms of student achievement gains by 2011. To meet this challenge, the new Ed.D.*

*programs will need to effect new synergies in teaching and leadership, theory and application, and scholarship and practice. A coordinated system-wide effort is needed to ensure the highest quality and effectiveness of all our new Ed.D. programs in Educational Leadership.*

**Approved Unanimously – May 10-11, 2007**