

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-2836-08/EX/AA/FA/FGA/TEKR
March 6-7, 2008

**In Support of a Predictable and Adequate Budget to Fund the Operations
of the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU)**

- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU find the current approach used by the Office of the Chancellor to fund the operations of the ASCSU to be inadequate because it does not ensure sufficient funding on a year to year basis nor does it ensure that funds are made available to the ASCSU to cover increases in yearly costs; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge the Chancellor to establish and maintain a permanent operating fund for the ASCSU sufficient to support adequate and appropriate shared governance; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That any such budget allow for funding increases to compensate for inflation (personnel, travel, etc.); and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU reaffirm AS-2751-06/FGA Annual Adjustments of the Academic Senate California State University (*CSU*) *Budget* which calls for adequate annual adjustments to its budget to support ASCSU governance functions; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU remind the Board of Trustees (BOT) and the Office of the Chancellor that the ASCSU is dependent on the Office of the Chancellor to provide the resources required to support the governance duties of the ASCSU as identified in the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (HEERA) and consistent with the principles of shared governance; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees to recognize that members of the ASCSU have provided the official faculty voice by:
- sponsoring resolutions on academically-related issues via standing committees and plenary meetings, and
 - providing leadership, facilitating communication and coordination, and naming participants to, the Lower Division Transfer Patterns (LDTP) Project, and
 - providing the Chancellor, the legislature, and other groups advice and guidelines concerning general education, and
 - reviewing community college courses for acceptance within the GE Breadth and IGETC general education transfer patterns, and
 - working with community college and University of California colleagues to resolve intersegmental general education issues, and
 - recommending recipients for the Hearst Scholarship, the Wang Family Excellence awards, and Honorary Doctorates, and
 - tracking, lobbying, and providing testimony on bills of importance to the CSU, and

- advocating for adequate funding for the CSU, and
- providing leadership to, and staffing, the BOT Campus Actions to Facilitate Graduation campus visitation teams, and
- participating in the drafting of the *Access to Excellence* Strategic Plan and recording and summarizing associated discussions and meetings, and
- providing advice to the CSU System Budget Advisory Committee, and
- providing the Chancellor and BOT advice concerning admissions guidelines and policies, and
- providing advice on academic technology initiatives and selecting recipients for project funding, and
- serving on systemwide administration search and screening committees, and
- evaluating the performance of systemwide administrators, and
- providing leadership, advice and collaboration associated with the early assessment of high school student preparedness, and,
- developing standards and procedures for the assessment of entry level math proficiency, and
- developing standards and procedures for the assessment of entry level English proficiency, and
- recommending policies and procedures to guide extended university operations, and
- providing advice on financial aid matters, and
- participating in the leadership and operations of the CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning, and
- reviewing proposals for the naming of CSU facilities and properties, and
- selecting participants for the CSU pre-doctoral and doctoral incentive programs, and
- providing guidance for the CSU Summer Arts Council, and
- facilitating and supporting sustainability education and research, and
- recommending policies to ensure appropriate accommodations to students with disabilities, and
- providing leadership and advice related to the implementation and appropriate system role in the Ed. D. degree, and
- providing expertise and advice related to the implementation of CMS, and
- naming nominees for CSU Faculty Trustee, and
- collaborating with, and advocating for, higher education through the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates, and
- providing expertise and advice to the Intersegmental Coordinating Committee and its subcommittees, and

- providing direction to the Articulation System Stimulating Interinstitutional Student Transfer project, and
 - working with community college colleagues to guide the implementation of their Course Identification articulation project, and
 - observing developments by the California Postsecondary Education Committee, and
 - working with the California State Student Association to coordinate activities and to advocate effectively for the CSU, and
 - working with the CSU Alumni Council to coordinate activities and to advocate effectively for the CSU, and
 - coordinating with numerous other groups associated with higher education, and
 - serving on numerous committees, task forces, boards, etc;
- ; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees to recognize that many of the above functions have been imperiled by operating in crisis mode (understaffed committees, overcommitted faculty responsibilities, inability to schedule face-to-face meetings, etc.); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees to recognize that inadequate funding will result in the further diminution of the effectiveness of the ASCSU and consequently the CSU; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be sent to the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees of the California State University.

RATIONALE: The ASCSU fulfills an essential role in the delivery of higher education in California as specified in the HEERA of 1978. To function effectively, the Senate must receive adequate funding to cover its operating costs.

Part of this resolution is in response to information given at the January 2008 ASCSU Plenary session that raised the possibility that funds which had been used to augment the ASCSU budget may not be available in 2008/09 and that further cuts may be possible. Part of this resolution is in response to how, in the past, the ASCSU has been funded.

The Academic Affairs Division of the Office of the Chancellor is responsible for the ASCSU budget. During the past three years it has been problematic that the CSU operating fund (base budget) allocated to ASCSU has been demonstrably less than 70% of ASCSU expenditures.

Although the Academic Affairs Division has augmented the ASCSU base budget through Priority and other funds, there are no assurances that such funding will be available in the future. It is anticipated that the ASCSU will face a significant operating deficit if funds (base budget, augmentation, and Priority Fund) are decreased or remain at 2007/08 levels. Neither measure takes into account rising

inflationary costs (e.g. assigned time allocation due to raises and increased travel costs).

The ASCSU, in spring 2006, reduced its size via a Constitutional amendment and has taken other cost-reduction measures.

The absence of an adequate and predictable budget threatens our ability to plan our operations.

Approved Unanimously – March 6-7, 2008

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AS-2751-06/FGA
May 4-5, 2006

**Annual Adjustments of the Academic Senate California State
University (CSU) Budget**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU request the Board of Trustees (BOT) to work with the Chancellor's Office to ensure adequate annual adjustments in funding for the Academic Senate CSU so that it can effectively fulfill its governance duties as identified in the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (HEERA) and consistent with the principles of shared governance.

RATIONALE: The Academic Senate CSU fulfills an essential role in the delivery of higher education in California as specified in the Higher-Education Employer-Employee Relations Act of 1978. Effective functioning of the Senate is dependent on adequate funding of its operating costs to fulfill its mission. Given that the majority of costs associated with the successful operation of the Academic Senate CSU are increasing—such as mileage reimbursement, assigned time, hotel costs, and per diem rates—annual increases of the Academic Senate CSU budget are necessary and appropriate. Further, funding for release time for Senators, especially for new Senators, allows full participation in the work of Senate committees and systemwide committees as well as providing opportunity for the mentoring of newer Senators by seasoned Senate colleagues.

Approved – May 4-5, 2006