

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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March 6-7, 2008

**Ensuring Consistent and Full Representation on the Academic Senate California
State University (CSU) by Every Campus**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU, pursuant with Article II, Section 7 of the Constitution of the Academic Senate CSU, urge individual campus senates to create policies and/or procedures to ensure that when an elected member of the Academic Senate CSU cannot attend one or more plenary meetings of the Academic Senate CSU that a substitute be named who will attend in that senator's stead; or, if such policies and/or procedures currently exist, to ensure they are being followed; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU remind its senators to inform their local senates in a timely manner when they know that they will be unable to attend one or more plenary meetings of the Academic Senate CSU so that there is sufficient time to select substitutes who may attend in their stead.

RATIONALE: Not all campuses are consistently represented by all of their elected Senators and substitute Senators rarely attend in their place. Article II, Section 7 of the Constitution of the Academic Senate CSU states:

***Substitute Members.** In the event that an elected member will be absent for one or more semesters or quarters, the faculty of the affected campus shall replace this member in such manner as may be determined by the faculty of that campus. In the event that an elected representative is unable to attend a meeting of the Academic Senate, the senate of that campus may name a substitute who shall have the right to attend and vote at that meeting.*

Clearly, Article II, Section 7 requires that substitutes be named for absences of one or more semesters or quarters. Although this Section does not require a substitute when an elected senator is unable to attend one meeting, it is in the best interest of each campus to be represented by its full complement of senators at each Academic Senate CSU plenary session. In addition, the work of the Academic Senate CSU is enhanced by the broad range of perspectives afforded by the individuals who represent each of the campuses.

Approved Unanimously – May 8-9, 2008