

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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Faculty Control Over Course Capacities and Mode of Instruction Decisions

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) request that the Office of the Chancellor remind campus presidents that the authority to make alterations to curricula is vested in the faculty and that campus administrators should refrain from altering course capacities or modes of instruction without following established campus curricular policies and procedures; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to the Chancellor's Office; and to campus Presidents, Provosts, and Senate Chairs.

RATIONALE: For several years, the California State University has been faced with enrollment challenges that significantly exceeded enrollment growth funding provided by the state. At the same time, campuses are experiencing a period of diminishing resources. To accommodate these realities campuses have employed a number of stop-gap measures including altering the mode of instructional delivery for assorted courses and programs, and/or arbitrarily raising the enrollment caps on sections, and/or strongly encouraging faculty to accept additional students. While budget constraints present many challenges, faculty control over instructional quality dictates that any such changes go through appropriate campus channels to allow for appropriate faculty oversight.

Approved Unanimously – May 7-8, 2009