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Dear Dr. Thobaben:

RE: March 8-9, 2007 Senate Resolutions

Thank you for forwarding the packet of resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate of The California State University at its meeting on March 8-9, 2007. I am pleased to provide the responses below.

AS-2784-07/AA/ (Rev)

Support for Carnegie's New Community Engagement
Classification

We join the Senate in supporting the new Community Engagement Classification designation of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and commending the five CSU campuses (Chico, Fresno, Monterey Bay, San Francisco, and San Marcos) that have been selected for this new classification. We are pleased that the resolution encourages other CSU campuses also to seek this classification. Let me add that we remember with fondness and respect our outstanding colleague, Dr. Paul Persons, to whom the Senate so appropriately dedicated this resolution.

AS-2785-07/AA/ (Rev)

Concern for the Professional Science Master's (PSM)
Programs

We note that the concerns expressed in this resolution are addressed ultimately to individual campuses, as in the call for following established curriculum review and approval processes, for addressing the issue of continuing funding for programs, and for developing programs only in response to demonstrated need. We are confident that campus faculty, provosts and presidents will ensure these processes. Please be assured that Academic Programs in the Office of the Chancellor will work with campuses on the topic of degree designations.

CSU Campuses
Bakersfield
Channel Islands
Chico
Dominguez Hills
East Bay

Fresno
Fullerton
Humboldt
Long Beach
Los Angeles
Maritime Academy

Monterey Bay
Northridge
Pomona
Sacramento
San Bernardino
San Diego

San Francisco
San José
San Luis Obispo
San Marcos
Sonoma
Stanislaus

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AS-2786-07/TEKR/ (Rev)

Advocacy for Substantial Revisions to the Elementary
and Secondary Education Act (*No Child Left Behind*)

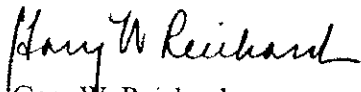
We note the Senate's interest in securing revisions to the *No Child Left Behind* act. While the resolution does not specify a distribution, it appears that the intent is to be in touch directly with California Senators and Members of Congress, and with campus presidents, academic leaders, and faculty, asking them to voice objection to "the punitive and unfeasible aspects" of this law. The welfare and learning success of California school children is of keen interest to the CSU, and the Chancellor and CSU presidents, during their annual March visit to Washington to speak with members of California's congressional delegation, certainly included among their concerns issues connected with the pending reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, as well as the possible strengthening of provisions for federal student financial aid. Given the limited number of issues on which the CSU as a whole can realistically expect to focus the attention of the policymakers, however, possible revisions to the *No Child Left Behind* act were not included as a primary matter in these discussions.

AS-2787-07/FGA/AA

Extension of Graduate Differential Funding to All
Graduate FTES

It is easy to agree with your call for funding all CSU graduate FTES at the higher marginal cost rate now provided for new (growth) graduate FTES. There can be no argument that it would have been far preferable had the state been able to do this at the time it decided to make the change in the funding formula for new graduate FTES. Certainly, it is to be hoped that state revenues and budgets will eventually prove sufficient to accomplish this. The Chancellor and other CSU leaders will continue to inform Sacramento policy makers about the importance of adequate funding for all of our programs and services, surely to include graduate programs.

Sincerely yours,



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