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Dear Dr. Pasternack:

RE: January 17-18, 2008 Senate Resolutions

Thank you for forwarding the packet of resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate of The California State University at its meeting on January 17-18, 2008. I am pleased to provide the responses below.

AS-2817-07/AA Drops, Withdrawals, Incompletes, and Repeat Policies

Thank you for your recommendations on elements of the report of the CSU Task Force on Drops, Withdrawals, Incompletes, and Repeats. Please be assured that we will take these recommendations fully into account as we move forward to the drafting of new systemwide policy on these topics.

AS-2820-07/FGA/AA (Rev) Distinctive Universities and Campuses: The Autonomy of Individual Institutions in a Multi-Institutional System

Thank you for this restatement of principle concerning the importance of the autonomy of individual institutions in the CSU. As you know, the *Access to Excellence* Steering Committee has been made aware of this resolution, and the revised draft of the plan includes strong reference to this principle.

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-2822-07/FA (Rev) Protecting Academic Freedom for California State University
(CSU) Academic Programs, Including Area Studies

The Senate's statement on academic freedom is most welcome. As you know, the CSU stands strongly for the principle of academic freedom in the development and implementation of academic programs, as well as in discourse within the university.

AS-2824-07/TEKR (Rev) Response to a Board of Trustees (BOT) September 2007 Agenda Item – CSU Remediation Policies and Practices: Overview and Prospects

This useful resolution was an important part of the Trustees' consideration of remediation policy at the January 2008 Board meeting. We believe the Board's action on that report to be consistent with the Senate's views. We will further share the Senate's resolution with provosts at the February meeting of the Academic Council, as we seek a discussion in that group about implementation and new directions for remediation policy.

AS-2825-07/EX (Rev) Graduate Business Fee

We note the Senate's point of view on the fee as it was initially proposed. We understand further that at its next meeting, the Senate may adopt general policy recommendations concerning fees of this type. Any such recommendations, if received, will be seriously considered as we move toward a decision concerning the proposed Graduate Business fee.

AS-2826-07/TEKR (Rev) Roles and Responsibilities of the CSU Doctorate in Education Advisory Committee

As you know, this is the product of many conversations in which Academic Affairs has participated. This affirmation of the value and role of the new advisory committee is appreciated.

AS-2827-08/EX Commendation of Patrick Lenz

Thank you, on behalf of the CSU administration, for this thoughtful commendation. We will all miss the many contributions that Patrick made.

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AS-2831-08/EX/FGA Response to Governor's Budget Recommendations

We welcome the Senate's comments on the priority of the CSU in state budget considerations, and appreciate any efforts the Senate may make to seek restoration of the proposed reductions in the CSU budget for 2008-2009.

Sincerely,



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