June 22, 2011

Dr. James Postma, Chair  
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Dear Dr. Postma:

RE: May 5-6, 2011, Senate Resolutions

Thank you for forwarding the packet of resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate of the California State University at its May 5-6, 2011, meeting. We are pleased to provide the responses below:

1) AS-3009-11/APEP (Rev)  
Commendation to the Office of the Chancellor in Responding To Section 66205.8 of the California Education Code – Career Technical Education (CTE) Courses (Approved Unanimously)

Thank you for your commendation.

2) AS-3011-11/FGA (Rev)  
Support of SB 8 (Yee) Public Records: Auxiliary Organizations (Approved)

With the current changes to the bill recommended by the Chancellor’s Office, the CSU supports it.

3) AS-3012-11/FGA (Rev)  
Support of AB 130 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid: Eligibility: California Dream Act of 2011 (Approved Unanimously)

The CSU supports AB 130.
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4) AS-3013-11/EX (Rev)  
Academic Senate of the CSU Calendar of 2011-2012 Meetings (Approved Unanimously)

Thank you for the meeting schedule.

5) AS-3014-11/APEP (Rev)  
Common Reporting Requirements of Campuses’ Early Start Program Effectiveness (Approved Unanimously)

The chancellor’s Office supports the intent of the resolution.

6) AS-3015-11/FGA (Rev)  
Statewide Access to California State University (Approved)

The CSU agrees with the Senate concerning adequate funding, and does not support a regional education role for our campuses.

7) AS-3017-11/EX (Rev)  
Addition of a Second Faculty Trustee to the CSU Board of Trustees (Approved Unanimously)

At this point in time, the CSU does not support the addition of a second faculty trustee to the Board of Trustees. The board make-up is effective as it is currently populated.

8) AS-3020-11/APEP/AA (Rev)  
Grade Minima for CSU General Education Courses in the “Golden Four” (Approved Unanimously)

The Chancellor’s Office supports the resolution. We already have 15 campuses that require this of native students. This will make it consistent of what we require of both native and transfer students.

9) AS-3022-11/AA  
Support for Proposed Title 5 Additions Related to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree (Approved Unanimously)

Thank you for your support.

10) AS-3023-11/AA  
Support for Proposed Title 5 Additions Related to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree (Approved Unanimously)

After consultation with the ASCSU and campus constituencies, the Chancellor’s Office revised the Title 5 changes to reflect the recommendations of the Academic Senate.
11) AS-3025-11/AA  Support for Proposed Title 5 Changes Related to Baccalaureate Degrees Completed in Postbaccalaureate Standing (Approved)

Thank you for your support.

12) AS-3026-11/FA/FGA  Reaffirmation of CSU System-wide Policies Governing Special Sessions (Approved Without Dissent)

The CSU follows and supports Executive Order 1047 and the Education Code regarding special sessions.

13) AS-3027-11/FGA/AA  Support for the California State University’s Professional Doctorate Tuition Fee (Approved)

Thank you for your support.

14) AS-3029-11/AA  Request to the Board of Trustees to Delay Action on Recommended Changes to the Title 5 “American Institutions” Graduation Requirement until its November 2011 meeting (Approved Unanimously)

Faculty consultation on American Institutions within the SB 1440 context began in August 2010, and the Chancellor’s Office has supported and participated in more focused discussions of the proposed waiver subsequent to the May 2011 meeting. ASCSU and Academic Affairs division staff have met with the General Education Advisory Committee and guest political science and history department chairs, the American Institutions Summit (CSU chairs of history and political science departments) and campus Senate chairs. In addition, the Chancellor’s Office has provided FAQs for distribution among campus communities and has provided drafts of the executive order that will guide implementation. As a result of the consultation process, Academic Affairs Division has revised the recommended amendment to Title 5 S. 40404. Similarly, we have revised the draft American Institutions executive order, based on faculty input. So that we may facilitate compliance with the fall implementation mandated by SB 1440, will recommend action at the July Board of Trustees meeting.
The Importance of Civic Education (CSU Graduation Requirements in United States History, Constitution, and American Institutions) for both Native and Transfer Students (Approved Unanimously)

The Chancellor's Office maintains its support of the education provided through the CSU American Institutions requirement for both transfer students and native CSU students. With the proposed Title 5 amendment, we seek to achieve consistency in curricular policy and to provide the campuses with one provision among many choices in curriculum development that may be pursued to meet the requirements of SB 1440.

Sincerely,

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