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RE: November 6-7, 2014, Senate Resolutions

Dear Dr. Filling:

Thank you for forwarding the packet of resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate of the California State University at its November 6-7, 2014 meeting. We are pleased to provide the responses below:

1) **AS-3198-14/APEP: Support for Encouraging 11th Graders to Take the SAT or ACT as a Means of Establishing College Readiness in English and Mathematics and the Dissemination of Registration Fee Waiver Information**

   We join the ASCSU in recognizing the need for timely assessment of students in the 11th grade to determine their readiness for college English and mathematics. As demonstrated, the SAT and ACT can be used to identify students in conditional status by developing equivalency levels, which is a practical approach. With the advent of common core standards, an 11th grade assessment is being introduced, which may also be highly effective at determining college readiness. In any event, informing students of the SAT and ACT fee waiver is an excellent recommendation.

2) **AS-3196-14/FGA: California State University Board of Trustees Proposed 2015-16 Support Budget**

   We appreciate the commendation from the ASCSU regarding the Board of Trustees proposed 2015-16 support budget. Since the ASCSU’s November plenary, the amount requested for the CSU was greatly reduced in the Governor’s budget. Nonetheless, we will continue to advocate for the funds necessary to strengthen the faculty, expand access for eligible students, address deferred maintenance, and improve the CSU overall.
3) **AS-3195-14/AA: Commendation for Wayne Tikkanen**

Dr. Tikkanen has provided a great service to the CSU throughout his career and most recently his tenure as Faculty Director of the CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning. We appreciate resolution AS-3195-14 that recognizes and acknowledges his contributions.

4) **AS-3194-14/AA/FGA: Response to AB 94:Goal Setting for Academic Performance Measures for Academic Sustainability Plan**

The overall Academic Sustainability Plan is being analyzed within a framework of policy implications that cross all divisions at the Chancellor’s Office. Additional analysis and discussions are required to address these issues and we understand the concerns addressed by resolution AS-3194-14. A taskforce has merit and may be needed in the future. However, at this time the administration is currently in the process of considering all options that will address these issues and best serve the CSU.

5) **AS-3193-14/FA: Protecting the Academic Freedom of California State University Faculty**

The current Board of Trustees’ policy defines academic freedom in research and the classroom. Resolution AS-3193-14 “Protecting the Academic Freedom of California State University Faculty” clearly articulates ASCSU’s position. The chancellor and campus presidents strongly support academic freedom and freedom of speech on our campuses and will take the resolution under advisement within the context of laws that govern such behavior and CSU policy.

6) **AS-3192-14/FA/AA: Improving Campus Response to Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence**

We join the senate in recognizing the crucial role of faculty in fostering awareness of sexual assault and sexual violence. We believe that training is critical along with discussing these issues with students, administrators, local partners, and all constituent groups. Sexual violence should be dealt with as an urgent issue that must be embedded in the climate of all campuses and sensitive to the issues with very clear reporting structures. The Chancellor’s Office is currently moving forward with the development of campus climate surveys and meetings have been held to determine content and best practices.

Sincerely,

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