October 22, 2013

Dr. Diana Guerin, Chair
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Dear Dr. Guerin:

RE: September 19-20, 2013, Senate Resolutions

Thank you for forwarding the packet of resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate of the California State University at its September 19-20, 2013 meeting. We are pleased to provide the responses below:

1) AS-3141-13/EX: Concern over Delay in Governor’s Appointment of the CSU Faculty Trustee

On October 11, 2013, the CSU Office of the Chancellor approved the sponsorship of legislation to ensure that a sitting faculty trustee will continue to serve on the Board of Trustees after their term expires and until the Governor of California appoints another faculty trustee.

2) AS-3142-13/FA: Addressing the Urgent Need for New Tenure-Track Faculty in the California State University (CSU)

The need to hire additional tenure-track faculty is well documented and the Chancellor has publicly discussed this problem. The Board of Trustees is aware of the issue and they understand the goals outlined in ACR 73 and the various resolutions from the Statewide Academic Senate. Regretfully, the cuts to higher education in California have been unprecedented and the continuing problems created by losing approximately one-third of state funding to the CSU since 2007 are evident throughout the system. However, with the
passage of Proposition 30 the CSU budget has been somewhat stabilized and we have received modest increases. With an influx of additional funds a systemwide executive plan to implement ACR 73 may not be necessary and we are now hiring many new tenure-track faculty. Nonetheless, the Chancellor’s Office will work with the Senate to monitor the gains in tenure-track hiring as we strive to reach our goal. If modest gains are not realized as our budget is restored, we will revisit the issue.

3) **AS-3143-13/AA: Baccalaureate Degrees Offered by Public Institutions of Higher Education in the State of California**

We are monitoring the discussions on this issue closely and we understand the position of the ASCSU. If legislation is proposed, we will closely scrutinize the impact on the CSU.

4) **AS-3144-13/APEP: Support for Continuation of Early Assessment Program (EAP)/Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Testing for College and Career Readiness Indicator Assessment until the Full Transition to Smarter Balanced Assessment**

We fully support AS-3144-13. The resolution is well conceived and we thank the Senate for this resolution.

Sincerely,

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