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Dear Dr. Tarjan:

RE: January 22-23, 2009 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 22-23, 2009. I am pleased to provide the responses below:

AS-2869-08/AA (Rev) Acknowledgment of Faculty Involvement in the
Access to Excellence Accountability Plan

The Senate's acknowledgement of faculty involvement in the *Access to Excellence Accountability Plan* is appreciated. Involvement of faculty in development of the Plan was critically important, since making progress on the various indicators in the Plan will depend heavily on faculty contributions.

AS-2870-08/AA (Rev) Support of the *Give Students a Compass* Project

We very much appreciate the Senate's support for the *Give Students a Compass* Project and the listing of "high impact" learning activities as noted by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. It is our intention to involve faculty in all aspects of curricular development in this project, including the recommendation, implementation, and evaluation of CSU pilot cohorts to explore the development of CSU "high impact" activities.

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AS-2871-08/AA (Rev) Quality Assurance in Technology Mediated Course Offerings

As always, we greatly appreciate the Senate's concern for course quality and academic integrity. The Senate's urging that the CSU consider the challenges that exist when using technology and the need for support services is noted.

AS-2872-08/FA/FG (Rev) Protecting Instruction During Times of Budget Crisis

We acknowledge the Senate's reaffirmation that the core mission of the CSU is instruction, and that this core mission should be protected during the best and worst of fiscal periods. As you are aware, the CSU and its campuses are working to maintain faculty hiring ratios and to restrain hiring in other areas, such as administrative and staffing appointments, in order to deal with the challenges of delivering instruction while reducing budget allocations.

AS-2873-08/FA (Rev) Collecting Survey Data Concerning Voluntary Faculty Separations and Declined Offers of Employment from the CSU

We acknowledge the concerns raised in the *Report of the Faculty Flow* report and are aware that several CSU campuses currently conduct exit interviews and collect information upon the resignation of tenure track faculty. We further accept the recommendation that CSU campuses use the insights gained from such data collection for enhancing faculty excellence and the reduction of faculty turnover.

AS-2874-09/FGA Support for Proposed Higher Education Investment Act

We concur with the Senate's endorsement of the Higher Education Investment Act, and appreciate the commendation of CSU leadership for participating in crafting the draft proposal for the Act.

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AS-2875-09/APEP/FGA

Criticism of the Contemplation of a Reduction to
The K-12 Academic Year

The Senate's acknowledgement of the challenges facing K-12 educators is well founded, as are the Senate's concerns regarding the proposed reductions to the K-12 academic year in the State of California.

AS-2876-09/FGA

Reaffirmation of Campus Faculty Consultation in
Budget Decisions

The Senate's reminder of the Board of Trustees' affirmation of the faculty's role in shared governance and in budget matters directly affecting academic issues is appropriate and well stated. We continue to adhere to this Board position and encourage the involvement of faculty representatives in campus budget development.

Sincerely,



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