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RE: January 23-24, 2014, Senate Resolutions

Dear Dr. Guerin:

Thank you for forwarding the packet of resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate of the California State University at its January 23-24, 2014 meeting. We are pleased to provide the responses below:

1) AS-3154-13/AA: Recommendations Related to Nursing Preparation

The Academic Affairs Division appreciates the faculty support for students in nursing programs as well as for those who wish to be admitted to nursing programs. As demand for nursing enrollments surpasses the university’s ability to matriculate students into said programs, we value the suggestions advanced in the resolution. The CSU will do the following:

- Continue political advocacy in support of four-year nursing degrees.
- Continue with long-term budget planning for expanded nursing education.
- Continue systemwide efforts with health-college advisors and associate deans to improve advising for students with interests in pursuing health careers.
- Strongly encourage provosts to honor GE satisfaction for courses taken while students were pursuing nursing or pre-nursing coursework.
- Encourage the development of curricula to meet the demand for health-related degree programs.
2) **AS-3156-13/FA: Reinstatement of Faculty Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Fund**

The CSU faculty is widely recognized for their research, scholarship, and creative activities. To support these endeavors, campuses have distributed funds and the Chancellor’s Office created the RSCA Program, which has added to the pool of available resources. Regretfully, the support for RSCA was eliminated due to lack of funding.

We agree with the spirit of this resolution and the Chancellor has approved funding that has been earmarked to support faculty research, scholarship, and creative activities. Details of the funding distribution are being finalized.

3) **AS-3158-13/AA: Recommendation to Amend Title 5 to Re-establish Appropriate Unit Limits for Engineering Degrees**

Because the CSU is operationalizing a policy enacted by the Board of Trustees, allowing it time to unfold and mature under its current structure has merit. Engineering programs on our campuses are working with faculty to determine if 120/180 units are feasible for a degree in their programs. We realize that not all programs are similar but there is compliance in some of our prestigious programs, which has created a healthy dialogue within the context of curriculum reform. Above all, policy will be followed and language for exceptions has been included in the policy.

4) **AS-3159-14/EX: Commendation of Faculty Trustee and ASCSU Senator Bernadette Cheyne**

We are very pleased to endorse the commendation of former Faculty Trustee Bernadette Cheyne. The resolution was perfectly framed and written. As Bernadette moves into retirement, we hope that her future will be filled with many more happy and productive years. She has served the CSU with honor.

Sincerely,

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