February 19, 2015

Dr. Steven Filling, Chair
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RE: January 22-23, 2015, 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 January 22-23, 2015 meeting. We are pleased to provide the responses below:

1) **AS-3197-14/FA: The Need for a Comprehensive California State University Policy on Academic Freedom**

The resolution calls for the Chancellor’s Office and the Board of Trustees to draft a comprehensive California State University (CSU) policy on academic freedom. The resolution also includes specific faculty rights they believe should be included in the policy. The Chancellor’s Office will closely examine the resolution and respond to the Senate’s request before the end of the academic year.

2) **AS-3199-15/FA: Non-Tenure Track Faculty and Shared Governance in the California State University: A Call to Campus Senates**

The resolution acknowledges the contributions of lecturers and non-tenure track librarians, coaches, and counselors. Specifically, the resolution calls on senates to review and revise their constitutions and policies to include the groups as “faculty” in a manner consistent with the Collective Bargaining agreement. We are interested in this resolution and how it unfolds on each of the campuses.
3) **AS-3200-15/FGA: Appreciation of Support for the Passage of AB 2324 (Williams)**

   Trustees of the California State University: Faculty Member of the Board

   We agree with the resolution and the passage of AB 2324. This effort would not have been possible without the work of many individuals who believed the bill was necessary. We would like to thank the Senate for their concerted efforts and working with the Chancellor’s Office staff.

4) **AS-3201-15/APEP: Call for Withdrawal of the Proposed 2015 Teacher Preparation Regulations under Title II of the Higher Education Act**

   We would like to thank the Senate for their support and analysis, which supports the views of Dr. Beverly Young and the Chancellor’s Office staff. The cost burden would negatively impact teacher preparation programs in California and the rest of the nation.

5) **AS-3203-15/AA: Commendation of the CSU Academic Conference 2014**

   The Academic Conference 2014 was a truly great success and we would like to thank the Senate and specifically the Conference Planning Committee for a job extremely well done and acknowledge their diplomacy when difficult issues needed resolution. We feel that the purpose of the Conference was realized and we look forward to the next event.

Sincerely,

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