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RE: March 20-21, 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 March 20-21, 2014 meeting. We are pleased to provide the responses below:

1) AS-3157-13/FA: Recommendation on Eligibility of Lecturers for Emeritus Status

We join the ASCSU in recognizing the contributions and service of lecturers over the years in the CSU. We also appreciate the ASCSU for expressing their support and commendation for the 16 CSU institutions where lecturers are included in faculty emeritus policies.

2) AS-3160-13/EX/FA: Selection of Faculty Representatives in Shared Governance

As noted in Agenda Item 1 (Committee of the Whole) on July 23, 2013, proposed changes to the policy on the selection of presidents first requires consultation with “appropriate systemwide constituencies including but not limited to the systemwide Academic Senate leadership, CSSA leadership and representatives of systemwide staff leadership.” This resolution clarifies the position of the Senate and consultation will move forward.
3) AS-3161-14/APEP: Using Common Core State Standards in CSU Admission and Prerequisite Requirements for Mathematics and Other Disciplines

We deeply appreciate the faculty support and collaboration as California moves to full adoption of the Common Core State Standards for K-12 education. This will be an important and challenging process involving the California State University in a variety of ways. One of the most critical of these will be our collective work to revise and adopt new language and assessments in the determination of college readiness for perspective freshmen. As always, we rely on and appreciate the expertise and collaborative work of our faculty and the Senate body.

4) AS-3162-14/FA: Facilitation of Communication between ASCSU and Campus Faculty

Facilitating communication between the ASCSU and campus faculty and senates has many benefits as discussed in the rationale of the resolution. Each campus has a unique culture and method for disseminating information and faculty email addresses are readily accessible throughout our campuses. If greater communication between faculty and their senates are necessary, working with campus administrators as suggested in the second resolved is recommended.

5) AS-3163-14/AA: Concerns Regarding Proposed Legislation Authorizing Community College Baccalaureate Degrees

The suggestions provided in this resolution merit discussion with our Office of Advocacy and State Relations as they work closely with the author and staff to seek amendments. The position of the Senate will help with this process.

6) AS-3164-14/AA/FA: In Support of Ethnic Studies in the California State University

The ASCSU endorses the efforts of the CSU Taskforce to Advance Ethnic Studies and we concur. The Taskforce membership is primarily comprised of Ethnic Studies faculty and their work is continuing. Their recommendations will be informed by this resolution but further comment is reserved until the Taskforce completes their work.

AS-3165-14/FGA: 2014 Legislative Advocacy Positions of the Academic Senate of the California State University

The Statewide Senate has taken a position on many State level bills, which is a new process. The FGA carefully screened the current bills, which were voted on by the full Senate. However, the language in these bills changes daily, which is a full time job for several of our staff. Hopefully, the Executive Committee of the Senate will be able to keep pace with the changes as they occur. Nonetheless, we respect the right of the Senate to make their judgments known to the CSU and State legislators but addressing each bill in a shared governance context is extremely difficult, especially considering that the decisions to create and amend bills is up to authors who are not required to consult with the CSU or other higher education segments. Nonetheless, our power to influence bills is greater when the Senate and CSU administration work together as a single voice, which we will strive toward.
7) **AS-3170-14/EX: Commendation in Memory of CSU Trustee William Hauck**

We would like to thank the Senate for the thoughtful and very well written commendation for Bill Hauck. Bill’s contributions were outstanding and he will be sorely missed.

Sincerely,

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