December 9, 2013

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RE: October 31-November 1, 2013, 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 October 31-November 1, 2013 meeting. We are pleased to provide the responses below:

1) AS-3145-13/EX (Rev): Changes to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate

Updating the Bylaws of the Academic Senate serves a very useful purpose. It informs new senators and provides a thorough review of a very important document. This was a very worthwhile exercise.

2) AS-3146-13/FGA (Rev): Legislative Advocacy Principles of the Academic Senate of the California State university (ASCSU)

The principles that guide legislative advocacy are clearly written and well-articulated. They represent many of the cornerstones of higher education and will help inform many of our new legislators. Whenever possible, the Senate and CSU administration should work together to guide new legislation that strengthens the CSU and seek amendments to bills that could negatively impact faculty, staff, and students.

We appreciate the Senate’s response and support for the continuation of the Statway Pilot Program.

4) **AS-3148-13/FGA (Rev): Legislative Advocacy Guidelines for the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU)**

The advocacy guidelines serve to focus Senate activities related to legislation and provides the body with one voice on matters outlined in this resolution and AS-3146-13. It is highly recommended that the Senate leadership maintain a close relationship with the CSU Office of Advocacy and State Relations so efforts can be coordinated.

5) **AS-3149-13/FGA (Rev): California State Board of Trustees Proposed 2014-15 Support Budget**

The resolution supports the efforts of the BOT to secure funding for 2014-15 fiscal year as well as the request for additional funding. We would like to thank the Senate for their endorsement.

6) **AS-3152-13/AA/FA (Rev): Concerns & Recommendations Regarding Cal State Online Reorganization**

The Senate’s resolution speaks to several issues of concern with Cal State Online and the plans for reorganization. There has been a great deal of discussion regarding this issue and it will be brought before the President’s Council for a discussion on December 10, 2013. Executive Vice Chancellor Ephraim Smith will discuss the issues raised by this resolution and the directions proposed by the presidents at the next meeting with the Senate Executive Committee.

7) **AS-3153-13/FGA/FA (Rev): Ensuring the Continuous Presence of a Faculty Trustee on the California State Board of Trustees**

We support the resolution and our Office of Advocacy and State Relations will work closely with the Senate Executive Committee to structure the bill and find an author.

**Commendations**

8) **AS-3155-13/FGA: Commendation in Memory of CSU Trustee Peter G. Mehas**

We were all very saddened by the death of Trustee Mehas and we all appreciate this commendation from the Senate.
9) AS-3151-13/EX: Commendation for Dr. F. Benjamin Quillian, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer

We would like to thank the Senate for this commendation. Dr. Quillian was very surprised and truly honored by this gesture.

10) AS-3150-13/FGA: Commendation for CSU Assistant Vice Chancellor Robert Turnage

We would like to thank the Senate for this commendation. Robert has been a tireless champion for the CSU.

Sincerely,

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c:  Dr. Timothy P. White, Chancellor
Dr. Ephraim P. Smith, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer
Dr. Benjamin F. Quillian, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer
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