Resolutions Summary

One purpose of this summary is to provide Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) senators, campus senate chairs, and CSU colleagues with a comprehensive list of ASCSU resolutions acted upon at the last ASCSU plenary meeting. These resolutions will be listed by: resolution number; sponsoring committee(s); resolution title and action status followed by brief summaries.

In addition, it is important to note that a comprehensive list of ASCSU resolutions introduced in First Reading at the last ASCSU plenary meeting is provided for your perusal; please communicate your comments and suggestions on these First Reading items to the sponsoring committee chair(s) for their consideration as follows:

- **Academic Affairs Committee (AA):** Andrea Renwanz Boyle; aboyle@sfsu.edu
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- **Fiscal & Governmental Affairs (FGA):** Thomas Krabacher; tsk@saclink.csus.edu

This is the fourth Resolutions Summary for the Academic Year 2011-2012. We hope you find the Resolutions Summaries helpful.

Sincerely,

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Resolutions in Second Reading

The following items were approved at the March 15-16, 2012 meeting. Full text of these resolutions are available at http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2011-2012/

**AS-3052-12/APEP (Rev) APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Action in Response to Education Code Section 66205.8 Regarding the Applicability of High School Career Technical Education Courses Towards CSU Eligibility

This resolution concerns the potential use of high school career technical education (CTE) courses to meet CSU a-g requirements for eligibility for admission. The Education Code required the ASCSU to establish criteria for CTE courses to count towards CSU eligibility and for these criteria then to be ratified by the CSU Board of Trustees. The process described in the resolution is, in practice, the one being used to evaluate a-g courses including those that fall outside of the joint UC/CSU criteria for CTE coursework (in summary: that the joint process leaves potential "CSU-specific" CTE-aligned courses to the CSU to evaluate). This resolution provides movement towards meeting the legal requirement that the ASCSU will recommend, and the CSU Board of Trustees will adopt, criteria and assessment processes for CTE high school courses to meet a-g requirements (and thus avoid ceding the authority to the Department of Education).

**AS-3053-12/FGA (Rev) APPROVED**

Managing Enrollment During the Current Budget Crisis

The ASCSU urges the administration and Board of Trustees to limit enrollment to a level at which high-quality education can be guaranteed for all students. It also urges that this been done in a way not to have a disproportionate impact on smaller campuses. It also encourages the administration and the Board to explore other options (including self-support) to accommodate students in cases where access cannot be guaranteed to all who are eligible.
AS-3054-12/FGA/FA (Rev) APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
Implementation of Access to Excellence CSU Strategic Plan Commitment 2: Plan for Faculty Turnover and Investment in Faculty Excellence

The ASCSU supports the compensation policy approved by the Board of Trustees at its January, 2012 meeting and urges the Board to reaffirm its commitment to investing in faculty excellence, in particular as identified in the Access to Excellence strategic plan. The ASCSU also commends the Board for making compensation a priority in its proposed 2012-2013 support budget.

AS-3055-12/FGA (Rev) APPROVED
Opposition to AB 1561 (R. Hernandez), SB 952 (Alquist) and SB 967 (Yee) Executive and Administrative Compensation in the CSU

The above bills, in differing ways, would restrict on the CSU’s ability to set the compensation for its executives and administrators. The ASCSU opposes this, arguing that authority over personnel matters is properly the responsibility of the Board of Trustees, and these bills represent an unwarranted intrusion into the internal operations of the CSU by the legislature.

AS-3058-12/FA (Rev) APPROVED
Academic Freedom and Faculty Rights Pertaining to Sponsored Research

In response to the trend of increasing commercialization of the academy, this resolution calls on campus senates to review their policies pertaining to (1) faculty rights to engage in independent research, (2) faculty rights to share and publish the results of their research, and (3) institutional and faculty conflict of interests.

AS-3059-12/EX (Rev) APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
Endorsement of the January 2012 Online Education White Paper

This resolution endorses the Online Education White Paper that was produced by the Academic Affairs committee. Among other features, the White Paper includes recommendations for campus online education policies, and notes best practices for teaching online courses. The White Paper attached to the resolution can be found at http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Reports/documents/Online_Education_White_Paper.pdf

AS-3066-12/FGA APPROVED
Opposition to AB 970 (Fong) – Systemwide Fees

Proposed legislation AB 970 (Fong) would establish the “Working Families Student Fee Transparency and Accountability Act,” which would, among other things, place restrictions on the timing by which systemwide fee increases could be imposed and require that 1/3 of all fees be set aside for financial aid. The ASCSU opposes the legislation because one feature of the Act could potentially disadvantage some student groups (especially veterans) and hamper the CSU’s ability to respond to fiscal challenges imposed by the current state budget environment.

Resolutions Postponed or in First Reading

Please note that the following items were introduced at the March 16-16, 2012 meeting and will be acted upon during the May 3-4, 2012 meeting. Campus comments and suggestions are very much encouraged. Please send any questions/comments directly to the chair of the committee that has proposed these resolutions at the e-mail address listed on above.

AS-3056-12/AA (Rev)
Recognizing the Integration of Sustainability into California State University Academic Efforts

This resolution recognizes and commends the work of faculty, students, and staff at many of the CSU campuses to address sustainability issues and the integration of sustainability into courses and curricula. Although the resolution was considered
in second reading during the March meeting, a motion to postpone until the May meeting was passed. Information regarding a CSU-funded sustainability grant and acknowledgement of California's leadership role in sustainability efforts will be integrated into this resolution for presentation at the May Plenary, 2012.

**AS-3062-12/EX**  
*Academic Senate of the CSU Calendar of 2012-2013 Meetings*  
This resolution establishes the schedule of the Academic Senate CSU for its upcoming year. Consideration of the need for “virtual” meetings, and the potential to increase the frequency and/or stagger the scheduling of such meetings will be discussed prior to the item returning for its second reading.

**AS-3063-12/AA**  
*Resolution Calling for the Issuance of an Executive Order Banning the Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products on the Campuses of the California State University*  
This resolution recommends that an Executive Order from the Chancellor be issued to prohibit the sale and distribution of tobacco products throughout the system.

**AS-3064-12/EX**  
*Receipt of “CSU Faculty Profile: Proportion of Tenure-Track/Tenured Faculty and Demographic Trends, 2001-2009” Report*  
This resolution acknowledges receipt by the ASCSU of a faculty profile report created by the Faculty Affairs Committee that shows trends in faculty demographics between 2001 and 2009. The report was written in response to the CSU’s Access to Excellence strategic plan.

**AS-3065-12/EX**  
*Appointment, Confirmation and Service of Trustees to the California State University (CSU)*  
The resolution requests that the Governor and the legislature act in a timely manner regarding the appointment of members to the Board of Trustees, and makes note of California Education Code stipulating that appointments not be politicized.

**AS-3067-12/FA**  
*Endorsement of Recommendations in the “CSU Faculty Profile: Proportion of Tenure-Track/Tenured Faculty and Demographic Trends, 2001-2009” Report on Commitment 2 of the CSU Access to Excellence Strategic Plan*  
In May 2008, the Board of Trustees adopted the long-term strategic plan for the CSU entitled *Access to Excellence (A2E)*. This resolution endorses the findings and recommendations of the report prepared by Faculty Affairs examining progress on several metrics of the A2E plan. It further endorses several recommendations made in the report. System-wide and campus-level data and recommendations are provided in the report and some of the data are cited in the resolution.

**AS-3068-12/FA**  
*Calling for the Review or Creation of Campus Policies on Emeriti Faculty*  
Campus policies and procedures vary with respect to emeriti faculty. This resolution asks campus senates to review or create policies addressing (1) eligibility and criteria for determining emeritus status, (2) the process to acquire emeritus status, (3) honors/privileges accorded to emeriti faculty, and (4) responsibilities of emeriti faculty.
AS-3069-12/AA
Resolution Opposing the Western Governor’s University Model for Online Education
This resolution expresses the strong opposition of the ASCSU to potential attempts to model CalState Online after Western Governor’s University, on the grounds that its approach to teaching and learning is not appropriate for the CSU.

AS-3070-12/FGA
Support for Accessible and Affordable Open-Source Digital Textbooks
This resolution restates the commitment of the ASCSU to pursuing affordable and accessible textbook options, commends legislators for seeking the same goals and recognizing the centrality of faculty in such decisionmaking, and urges those legislators to include within their bills a provision that faculty will not be required to adopt course materials deemed unsuitable for a course.

AS-3071-12/FGA
Concerns Regarding AB 1564: (Lara) Child Abuse Reporting
The resolution notes that the ASCSU does not support AB1564 (Lara) in its present form because it is not clear how mandatory reporting requirements related to child abuse will apply to faculty and students not engaged in their job-assigned educational and supervisory capacities. Moreover, the bill also constitutes an unfunded mandate.

AS-3072-12/APEP
On California State University “Courtesy Recommendations” to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
The resolution encourages the development of restrictions regarding the granting of teaching credentials based on “courtesy recommendations”. It notes that credentials awarded by the CSU should be based upon satisfactory completion of a CSU program, and thus non-CSU program “courtesy recommendations” should be limited.

AS-3073-12/Shared Governance Committee
Internal ASCSU Actions Following the Disposition of Resolutions
This resolution assigns responsibility to standing committees to follow up and report on the distribution of their resolutions requiring actions/response.

AS-3074-12/Shared Governance Committee
Procedures for CSU Administrators and Board of Trustees Responses to ASCSU Resolutions
This resolution requests a formal response and a detailed explanation from the Board of Trustees when ASCSU recommendations are not accepted.

AS-3075-12/Shared Governance Committee
Procedures for Dealing With a Vote of No Confidence
This resolution calls for the establishment of an investigative committee when there is a vote of no confidence in a campus president or the Chancellor. When the recommendations of the committee do not result in the resolution of the situation, it calls for a formal Board of Trustees review.

AS-3076-12/FA
Amending the Constitution of the Academic Senate, the California State University (ASCSU) to Include a Statement Advancing Academic Freedom
This resolution calls for an amendment to the Constitution of the ASCSU, which would then require ratification via system-wide referendum. In Article I, Section1.(a), following acknowledgment that the purpose of the ASCSU is “to promote academic excellence in the California State University”, the amendment adds this statement to the preamble of the
Constitution: “to advance the principles of academic freedom and freedom of inquiry as generally recognized in the American Association of University Professors 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure with 1970 Interpretive Comments when faculty carry out their responsibilities….”

The following item was referred to committee at the March 15-16, 2012 meeting

AS-3061-12/FA

Endorsing the Joint Statement on Academic Freedom by Presidents Armstrong (California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, Hellenbrand) California State University (CSU) Northridge, and Welty (CSU Fresno)

The following items failed at the March 15-16, 2012 meeting

AS-3057-12/AA (Rev)

Calling for the Creation and Review of Online Education Policies at Each of the CSU campuses

AS-3060-12/Floor

(Tarjan, Pasternack) (Rev)

Amendment to the Bylaws: Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee