

# Academic Senate California State University

*Plenary – March 19-20, 2009*

## *Resolutions Summary*

**O**ne purpose of this summary is to provide Academic Senate CSU senators, campus senate chairs, and CSU colleagues with a comprehensive list of Academic Senate CSU resolutions acted upon in Second Reading at the last Academic Senate CSU plenary meeting. These resolutions will be listed by: Resolution Number; Sponsoring Committee(s); Resolution Title; Action Status followed by brief summaries written by the sponsoring committee chair(s). Full copies of each resolution may be accessed by clicking on the Resolution Title.

In addition, it is important to note that a comprehensive list of Academic Senate CSU resolutions introduced in First Reading at the last Academic Senate CSU 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:

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We appreciate your early attention and timely feedback before the next Academic Senate CSU interim committee meetings on **Friday, April 10, 2009**. Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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## *Resolutions in Second Reading*

**AS-2877-09/AA (Rev):** **Voting Rights for Coordinator Liaisons on the Academic Council on International Programs**

**Approved Unanimously March 2009**

The resolution endorses the request from the ACIP (Academic Council on International Programs) that the four staff Coordinator Liaisons be given voting rights on the Council along with the twenty-three faculty members and the four student members who each have voting rights.

**AS-2878-09/AA (Rev): Support for Campus Processes for Votes of No Confidence in Management Personnel Plan (MPP) Administrators  
Approved Without Dissent March 2009**

The resolution urges Campus Senates to ensure that processes are in place that facilitate (when needed) Votes of “No Confidence” in a Dean, Vice President, Provost, or any other Management Personnel Plan (MPP) administrator . Should such a campus vote take place, this resolution encourages appropriate investigation and sharing of findings with the Campus Senate.

**AS-2880-09/AA (Rev): Energy Conservation, System Sustainability, and System Cost Savings  
Approved March 2009**

This resolution recognizes that the most significant energy savings are to be realized by systemic action at the campus facilities level and urges that all campuses take action to achieve these savings as well as for all campus communities to use energy responsibly.

**AS-2881-09/FA (Rev): Support for Improved Faculty Development Opportunities for Lecturers  
Approved March 2009**

This resolution addresses the need to support *all* faculty, including lecturers, when considerations are made for faculty development funds to support excellence in both pedagogy and scholarship. Lecturers, who are the majority of the CSU faculty, are often not given equal consideration due to their “temporary” status, thus impeding their contributions to the teacher-scholar model. Given the limited funds available for the pursuit of scholarly and creative activities, the resolution calls upon the Chancellor’s Office to lobby for an increase in the yearly allocation of funds awarded under the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Program (RSCAP).

**AS-2882-09/FA (Rev): Opposing Restrictions on Academic Exchanges with Cuba  
Approved Unanimously March 2009**

This recommendation of the Academic Senate CSU calls upon the federal government to lift all restrictions on educational and scholarly exchange with the nation of Cuba. In particular, the resolution addresses the current travel restrictions on academic travel to Cuba, and reaffirms the Academic Senate CSU’s commitment to freedom of inquiry and exchange of ideas across cultural and national boundaries.

**AS-2883-09/FA (Rev): Affirmation of Equal Rights for All Individuals Regardless of Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Sexual Orientation, Disability or Other Dimensions of Diversity  
Approved March 2009**

This item recognizes the value and importance of maintaining a diverse faculty, staff, and student body. As such, the resolution affirms the ASCSU’s strong support for the rights of all in the CSU who have been adversely impacted by Proposition 8, which eliminated same-sex marriage in California, and abhors the adverse ramifications it is likely to have on the recruitment and retention of outstanding students, faculty, administrators, and staff.

**AS-2885-09/AA/FGA: Reaffirmation of Support for CSU Authority to Offer the Doctorate in Nursing Practice  
First Reading Waived March 2009**

The title clearly states the purpose of this resolution. As part of its efforts to help meet the State's need for nurses, the CSU recognizes the need for trained nursing faculty. When funds are available, the CSU will be ready to initiate programs to train nursing faculty with these programs should the Legislature and Governor authorize.

**AS-2889-09/APEP: Support for the Continued Alignment of the "a-g" Course Pattern and for CSU-UC Collaboration Related to Career Technical Education (CTE)  
First Reading Waived March 2009**

This resolution recognizes the efficacy of the "a-g" academic preparation course pattern required for admission to both the CSU and the UC and the ongoing efforts to identify the many CTE courses which, in addition to their technical content, have academic content that make them acceptable for inclusion on the list of course offerings satisfying the "a-g" admission requirements. The resolution also recognizes existing "a-g" collaborative efforts between the CSU and UC and encourages expanded involvement of CSU faculty in this process.

### *Resolutions in First Reading*

Please note that the following items were introduced at the **March 19-20, 2009** meeting and will be acted upon at the **May 7-8, 2009** meeting. You may access the First Reading Item Packet at:  
[http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/documents/03-09\\_1stReadingItem\\_packet.pdf](http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/documents/03-09_1stReadingItem_packet.pdf)

**AS-2884-09/EX: Academic Senate CSU Calendar of 2009-2010 Meetings  
First Reading March 2009**

**AS-2886-09/FA: Concerns Related to the Migration of Regular State-Supported Courses to Self-Supporting Special Sessions During Times of Budget Constraints  
First Reading March 2009**

This recommendation affirms EO 802 "Special Sessions" and urges the Chancellor to oppose any migration of regular state-supported courses to self-supporting special sessions, which may limit access to these courses for low-income students.

**AS-2887-09/FA: CSU Faculty Professional Development Strategic Planning  
First Reading March 2009**

This resolution commends the work of the Institute for Teaching and Learning and the Faculty Development Council, in particular for their extensive work in preparing the white paper entitled, "CSU Faculty Professional Development Strategic Planning." The ASCSU encourages the distribution of this white paper throughout the CSU system with the goal of securing widespread commitment to the goals outlined.

**AS-2888-09/AA/FGA: Honorary Degrees for Individuals Interned by Federal Executive Order 9066  
First Reading March 2009**

This resolution urges campuses to find ways to express respect (including honorary degrees) toward those CSU alumnae whose academic careers were interrupted by the WWII order resulting in their internment. The resolution also suggests a redirection of legislative efforts to order such action.

**AS-2890-09-AA: Support for International Baccalaureate Courses for GE and Transfer Credit  
First Reading March 2009**

This resolution expresses support for process which will lead to International Baccalaureate course being treated similarly to Advanced Placement courses in regard to GE and university credit.

**AS-2891-09/AA: Support for Campus Guidelines and Policies on Consultation and Shared Governance  
First Reading March 2009**

This resolution encourages campus Senates to ensure that policies are in place that define the mechanisms for healthy shared governance on each campus.