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Resolutions Summary

One 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 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:

Academic Affairs Committee (AA): [Andrea Boyle](#)

Academic Preparation & Educational Programs (APEP): [Mark Van Selst](#)

Faculty Affairs Committee (FA): [Bernadette Cheyne](#)

Fiscal & Governmental Affairs (FGA): [Darlene Yee-Melichar](#)

This is the second Resolutions Summary for the Academic Year 2010-2011. We hope you find the Resolutions Summaries helpful.

Sincerely,

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Editors and Members-At-Large, Academic Senate CSU Executive Committee

Resolutions Approved During the November 2010 Plenary

The following items were approved at the November 4-5, 2010 meeting. You may access full text of these resolutions by clicking on the resolution title.

AS-2974-10/AA (Second Reading)

Support Services and Troops to College

Approved Unanimously

This resolution reaffirms support for the “Support for Troops to College Initiative” (AS-2844-08/AA) and urges the Board of Trustees to seek funding from both the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs for counseling services for veterans who participate in the CSU Troops to College program

AS-2976-10/FA (Second Reading)

Public Education Leadership and Political Neutrality

Approved

This resolution endorses the principle that administrators in public higher education systems should divorce their official public roles from any endorsement of specific political candidates.

AS-2978-10/APEP/AA (Second Reading)

Meeting General Education Requirements Using College-Level Approved Examination Program (CLEP) Tests

Approved Unanimously

Having previously endorsed guidelines developed by the General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) for the use of CLEP tests to meet GE requirements, the ASCSU encourages its community college colleagues also to use these CLEP guidelines in approving pass-through area certification in GE, as well as their use in certifying CSU GE completion. Additionally, the resolution encourages educational institutions to consider becoming CLEP testing sites.

AS-2982-10/AA (Second Reading)

Resolution on Returning Veterans

Approved Unanimously

This resolution urges campus presidents and other administrators to allow returning veterans who had been admitted previously to campus programs and who meet requirements identified in Coded Memorandum AA-2010-12 “Readmission of Members of the Armed Forces” to retain course catalogue requirements (“catalogue rights”) in place at the time of their initial admission to the CSU.

AS-2986-10/FA (First Reading Waiver)

A Call for Governor Brown to Appoint a Faculty Trustee

Approved Unanimously

This resolution calls for the governor-elect to act expeditiously in appointing a faculty trustee from the list of candidates submitted, reaffirming previous resolutions that address the seriousness of the unprecedented absence of a faculty trustee on the CSU Board of Trustees, an absence that undermines confidence in the decisions and policies of a board that is not fully constituted, as required by law. It also calls upon the Chancellor and the Board to support the intention of this resolution and to use their influence in encouraging the new governor’s action in this matter.

AS-2987-10/EX (First Reading Waiver)

Resolution of Appreciation Upon the Retirement of Gunnar and Sue Serpa

Approved Unanimously

After 22 years of operating the food concession in the Chancellor’s Office, the Serpas are retiring and closing Gunnar’s Galley; this resolution thanks them for their “long-standing friendliness and service” and wishes them all the best in the future.

AS-2988-10/APEP (First Reading Waiver)

Public Sharing of Campuses' Early Start Program Plans

Approved Unanimously

This resolution asks that campus plans for their Early Start programs, as well as campus contact information for these programs, be made available in a timely manner both via local campus websites and through the Chancellor's Office.

Resolutions in First Reading

Please note that the following items were introduced at the **November 4-5, 2010** meeting and will be acted upon during the **January 20-21, 2011** 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 above. You may access full text of the First Reading Items in the ASCSU January Agenda at: <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Agenda/>

AS-2979-10/APEP

Commending the California State University for Hosting a National Teacher Education Summit

This resolution applauds the CSU for organizing the summit ("A CSU Summit: Transformative Change in the Preparation of Teachers") and recognizes the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Herb Carter, as the individual most responsible for the summit. The resolution also encourages the CSU to highlight in-house expertise drawn from across the CSU and advocates the wide dissemination of any publications resulting from the summit.

AS-2980-10/APEP (Second Reading/Revision)

Recognition of and Commendation for Efforts Designed to Increase Rates of Proficiency in Reading and Writing for High School Graduates

This resolution applauds those individuals associated with the development and distribution of the CSU Expository Reading and Writing Course (ERWC) program, which is focused on high school students developing the reading and writing skills necessary for success in college.

AS-2989-10/AA

Creation of a Task Force for Developing System Policies Regarding On-line Degree Programs

This resolution urges the Chancellor to convene a task force to study and to recommend guidelines for on-line degree programs proposed by CSU campuses. Such a task force would be charged with the investigation of on-line degree policies at other multi-campus educational systems as well as the development of policy recommendations for evaluating and sustaining such programs at the CSU. The resolution also recommends that the task force include representatives from the CSU Academic Affairs staff and campuses and that members of the CSU Board of Trustees be invited to serve on the task force.

AS-2990-10/FA***Implications of the United States Supreme Court's Decision in Garcetti v. Ceballos***

This resolution expresses concern that lower courts may use the U.S. Supreme Court's 2006 decision in *Garcetti v. Ceballos* to restrict academic freedom and encourages all CSU faculty and campus senates to learn about the implications of this decision and subsequent lower court rulings that have applied the decision to public colleges and universities. The resolution further urges campus senates to provide and/or enforce policies that (a) expressly protect faculty participation in institutional governance as a dimension of academic freedom; and (b) clarify that faculty speech, including, but not limited to, classroom teaching and research and extramural utterances, merits both constitutional and institutional protection; but (c) need not and probably should not expressly use the language of "matters of public concern" lest general First Amendment standards that apply to public employee speech inappropriately be applied to speech that should be protected by academic freedom. The resolution also urges the CSU and campus administrators to reaffirm their commitment to the protection of academic freedom and to acknowledge that, within an educational institution based on shared governance, academic freedom extends to faculty statements on university operations and the administration.

AS-2991-10/FA***Setting the Stage for Quality Education in the CSU***

This resolution calls upon the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees to take concrete steps to comply with ACR 73; to make recruitment and retention of the faculty workforce a priority as the CSU recovers from the exigencies of California's dire budget situation, regardless of the status of specific budget line item requests; and to continue to advocate aggressively with the Department of Finance, the Legislature, and the Governor's Office—as they did in the 2009-2010 budget request—for the additional funding necessary to implement fully the goals jointly agreed upon by the ASCSU, the CFA, and the Office of the Chancellor in *A Plan to Increase the Percentage of Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty in the California State University*. The resolution further urges that the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees issue annual reports on their progress toward restoring and building the faculty workforce.

AS-2992-10/FA/FGA***Sale, Distribution or Publishing of Class Materials for Commercial Use***

This resolution affirms California Education Code (CEC) Section 66450; and Section 41301, Subsection (b) of Title 5, California Code of Regulations, both of which prohibit the sale, distribution, or publishing of class materials for commercial purposes, said Sections serving as important safeguards of the faculty's intellectual property rights. Further, the resolution thanks the Chancellor's Office for its strong and immediate response to the recent launching of the NoteUtopia website, which included an advisory e-mail to approximately 30,000 students as well as a letter to the website founder, informing them of the CEC and Title 5 violations. The resolution affirms a commitment to work closely with the Chancellor's Office, whenever possible, to ensure adherence to the provisions of the CEC and Title 5, both as they relate to issues of faculty intellectual property rights as well as other matters that affect the integrity of California's educational mission.

AS-2993-10/FGA/APEP***Fiscal Concerns on Implementation of Early Start Programs (First Reading)***

The intent of this resolution is three-fold: 1) to acknowledge efforts geared toward student success that underlie the Early Start programs; 2) to ensure that the implementation of Early Start does not result in qualified students being denied access to the CSU either because of program-funding issues or financial concerns; and 3) to consider the fiscal impact of Early Start on the local campuses.

AS-2994-10/FGA/AA***Call for Inter-segmental Collaboration on the Implementation of AB 1295 (Fuller)—
Postsecondary Education: Nursing Degree Programs***

This resolution calls for continued inter-segmental collaboration between the CSU and the California Community Colleges (CCC) on the implementation of AB 1295 and urges the CCC to advise students to complete either CSU GE Breadth or IGETC for lower-division CCC nursing General Education requirements.

AS-2995-10/APEP***Assessment and Reporting of Results of Early Start Programs***

This resolution asks that the impact of various “early start” interventions be assessed such that benefits and costs can drive future decision-making about student proficiency attainment.

AS-2996-10/FGA/EX (Postponed to January, 2011)***Commendation for Allison Jones, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Academic Support***

This resolution commends Allison Jones for his outstanding service as CSU Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Academic Support and wishes him well in all his future endeavors. Postponed to January when Jones will be present at the plenary session.

AS-2997-10/FGA***Resolution Regarding Consultation about the American Association of State Colleges and Universities’ (AASCU) Red Balloon Project***

In citing the Higher Education Employee Relations Act (HEERA), this resolution reaffirms that the faculty of the California State University (CSU) must be consulted in matters of curriculum and instruction, in particular, with respect to campus participation in the AASCU’s “Red Balloon Project” initiative for redesigning higher education.