APPRECIATION FOR THE S.D. BECHTEL, JR. FOUNDATION’S SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE CALIFORNIA COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS AND THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS

WHEREAS, The high quality preparation and ongoing professional development of California K-12 teachers is critical to the educational success of students across the state; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of the California Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) creates a context and the opportunity for California State University (CSU) to re-envision its teacher preparation programs; and

WHEREAS, The S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation continues to be a valued, long-term partner with the CSU, funding initiatives that enhance K-12 teacher knowledge, skills, and confidence in teaching science and integrating it across other subjects, including literacy and mathematics, as articulated in the CCSS; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Beverly Young, and Director of Teacher Education and Public School Programs, Joan Bissell, the partnership with the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation enhances the capability of CSU faculty to meet the demands for a well-prepared, new generation of K-12 teachers; and

WHEREAS, The initiatives funded by the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation allow CSU faculty to develop innovative “models that can become the standard practices of tomorrow,”¹ benefiting generations of teachers and students, while advancing the ambitious goals of the CCSS and NGSS; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU express a deep appreciation to the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation for its ongoing support and commitment to California teachers and the students they serve; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this commendation to the CSU Board of Trustees, the CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, CSU campus Deans of Education, and CSU campus Senate Chairs.

Approved by Acclamation – September 4, 2014

¹ http://sdbjrfoundation.org/the-foundation/spending