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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolutions

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Following is the response of the Office of the Chancellor to the resolutions approved at the January 22-23, 2004 meeting of the Academic Senate and addressed to the Chancellor.

AS-2627-03/AA A Review of the California State University Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) in 2002

Because the CSU GWAR requirement has not been reviewed in over ten years, we appreciate the work of the GWAR Review Committee in 2003 and the efforts of the Academic Senate CSU to disseminate the committee's report to the campus academic senates. One of the hallmarks of the system's GWAR policy is the freedom of individual campuses to identify their own methods of the assessment. Hence it is crucial that each campus undertake a serious review of its writing assessment, just as the system as a whole has done. We thank the senate for endorsing this process.

AS-2635-03/FA Policies on Employment of Graduate Students

It is appropriate for campuses to review periodically their employment policies and practices. The CSU recognizes that appointment as a Graduate Assistant or Teaching Associate provides valuable learning experiences for graduate students. The CSU is supportive of efforts to prepare and mentor graduate students who are employed in Graduate Assistant or Teaching Associate positions.

AS-2636-04/FGA Support for Proposition 56: Budget Accountability Act

While the CSU Board of Trustees voted at its January 2004 meeting to support Propositions 57 and 58 because of the direct impact of these propositions on CSU's budget, it decided that CSU would not take an official position on Proposition 56.

AS-2637-04/EX/AA Support for the CSU Project on Lower-division Requirements in Majors (POL)

We appreciate the Academic Senate's endorsement of the Project on Lower-division Requirements in Majors (POL). This initiative of the Academic Senate, CSU in partnership with the Academic Affairs Division of the Chancellor's Office has been effective in identifying lower-division major requirements in several majors acceptable to most, if not all, CSU campuses. This initiative also supports the Academic Senate's proposed Statewide-45/Campus-15 unit academic road map transfer policy currently under discussion. The outcomes of this effort help to identify clear road maps for community college students planning to transfer to CSU in specific majors. As a result of this effort, transfer students can be confident that the courses they complete will be accepted toward the CSU degree while concurrently satisfying specified lower-division major prerequisite courses.

AS-2638-04/FGA CSU Budget Flexibility

This resolution, addressed to the governor, the legislature, and other state officials, is also endorsed by the Chancellor's Office. We welcome the senate's support in maintaining budget flexibility.

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