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To: Dr. Marshelle Thobaben, Chair  
Academic Senate, CSU

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Subject: May 5-6, 2005 Senate Resolutions

Thank you for forwarding the packet of resolutions heard on initial reading / adopted by the Academic Senate of The California State University at its meeting on May 5-6, 2005. I am pleased to provide the responses below.

**AS-2686-05/FA                      Creating and Overseeing Faculty Expert Banks**

As you may know, we have sought faculty advice and assistance as we have moved ahead on creating such a faculty webpage for the CSU website. We will continue to do so.

**AS-2687-05/AA                      The Role of Prebaccalaureate Programs (AKA  
Remediation) in the California State University**

We welcome the Senate's encouragement that the Board and senior Chancellor's Office leadership maintain focus on the Early Assessment Program (EAP) and kindred efforts as principal means for seeking fully-prepared students at entrance to the CSU. We look forward to continuing EAP, and to working with faculty and campus leadership also in other ways to encourage K-12 students to prepare fully for university work. While remaining committed to the Board policy for reducing the need for remedial education, senior leadership in the Office of the Chancellor has no plans to recommend that the Board alter admissions policy to deny admission to otherwise-qualified first-time Freshmen who require remediation.

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**AS-2688-05/AA**

**Support for the Framework for Comprehensive  
Intercollegiate Athletics Reform by the Coalition on  
Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) (2003)**

We welcome the Senate's interest in academic integrity, athletic welfare, governance, finances, and over-commercialization with respect to intercollegiate athletics.

**AS-2691-05/AA**

**Support for the Use of the "New SAT" in the CSU  
Eligibility Index**

We trust that the Admission Advisory Council, on which faculty constitute an important voice, will consider whether and in what ways the "New SAT" will be included in the CSU eligibility index.

**AS-2692-05/TEKR**

**Support of Federal TRIO Programs**

The Board and the Chancellor have, and will continue to, advocate strongly for continued federal funding of all the CSU federal TRIO programs.

**AS-2694-05/FGA**

**CSU Budget Priorities for Academic Year 2006-07**

We welcome faculty input to the CSU budget process via formal consultation with the System Budget Advisory Committee and in other, often less formal ways, such as in conversations with Senate leaders. We agree that the system has urgent priorities for support that include faculty salary increases, ACR 73 implementation, improvement of student/faculty ratios, funding for technology and library acquisitions.

**AS-2695-05/FGA**

**Creation of a Task Force to Develop Housing Programs**

We look forward to meeting with Senate leadership on this topic. With Vice Chancellor McClain and key members of her staff, we can jointly discuss what CSU has done, what campuses have done and are doing, and whether at the system level we might appropriately do more.

**AS-2696-05/FGA                      Opposition to the California Live Within Our Means Act**

As you know, the Board will determine whether CSU will take a position on this initiative proposal.

**AS-2697-05/EX/AA                      Reaffirming the Role of Faculty in Initiatives for  
"Achieving the Baccalaureate Degree"**

We agree that proper implementation of Recommended Items for Campus Plans for Facilitating Graduation must occur in full and rich consultation with faculty.

**AS-2698-05/AA                      Support, Principles, and Processes for a New CSU  
Articulation Number System**

We welcome the Senate's endorsement of the development of a CSU course articulation numbering system, and we agree that faculty are absolutely central to this work. The principles and processes outlined in this resolution are sensible and we look forward to working with the Senate on the basis of them. We are committed to this work, and will support it appropriately.

**AS-2699-05/FA                      Searches for Campus Administrators in the California  
State University**

Observing the truth that faculty must be involved fully in searches for campus administrators, we note that the apparent audience for this resolution will be campus leaders.

**AS-2700-05/FA                      Student Access to Academic Information Technology**

As you know, ATAC and the Provosts Technology Steering Committee have also addressed the topic of providing access to academic information technology to students with disabilities. We agree that this is an important issue also for campuses to address.

**AS-2701-05/FA                      Faculty Early Retirement Program**

We look forward to negotiations on this topic with the exclusive bargaining representative for Unit 3.

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**AS-2702-05/FA/FGA**

**Faculty Compensation and the Crisis in Recruiting and  
Retaining Faculty of High Quality**

Responding to the urgings of many constituencies, as you know, the CSU budget plan adopted this year by Trustees, now enacted, devoted 3.5% to the pool for salary increases rather than the 3% initially sketched. In the coming budget year we will again invite, and listen with great care to, the views of all CSU constituencies via the SBAC and other mechanisms as to how best to address the continuing needs for salary increases. Inevitably, Trustees and systemwide leadership will continue to be constrained by revenue limits and competing statewide priorities. But we shall do our best to insure that policymakers know the needs of CSU, including needs for upward salary adjustments for faculty and for other employees.

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