

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-2712-05/FA
September 16, 2005

Assisting Victims of Hurricane Katrina

- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (CSU) strongly urge the campuses to honor the spirit and the language of the memorandum issued by Chancellor Charles B. Reed on assisting students from the Gulf Coast Region affected by Hurricane Katrina (AA-2205-33); and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU commend all those who were involved in devising and implementing the plan outlined in AA-2205-33; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU urge the campuses of the CSU to adopt a wide range of strategies to support faculty, staff and students who are providing assistance to the Gulf Coast Region; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU urge the campuses of the CSU to consider and, where possible, adopt a wide range of strategies to support students, faculty, and staff from the Gulf Coast region who may be joining their campus community, and many of whom are California natives; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU, remembering the speed, intensity, and damage of natural catastrophes in California, also urge all members of the University community to contribute generously to the organizations of their choice now providing relief to beleaguered citizens of the Gulf Coast; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU remind the campuses that members of the university community--students, faculty, and staff alike--who have family and friends in the Gulf Coast may need help and empathy from their colleagues; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU encourage faculty to make their expertise available as possible and appropriate to their colleagues in the Gulf Coast who may have specific needs for books, journal articles, teaching materials, and other professional items damaged or destroyed by this hurricane.

***RATIONALE:** The damage brought by Hurricane Katrina is familiar to all who watch television or listen to the radio, and it is likely that many members of the CSU community have already taken action to help in the general relief efforts. CSU is now providing an institution-specific opportunity for students now seeking to pursue their college/university careers at a time when the colleges or universities of their choice cannot offer classes, but there are other ways in which members of this community can offer assistance to their colleagues in the Gulf Coast--and to any member of the CSU community who has been affected by this event. Those who have experienced the full force of major natural disaster remind us that generosity, patience, and expertise can help in restoring order and confidence to those afflicted by loss of family, friends, homes, jobs.*

Approved Without Dissent – September 16, 2005