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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS ACADEMIC SENATE CSU PLENARY - SEPTEMBER 2-3, 2021

The Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) met virtually on September 2-3, 2021. The ASCSU passed the following resolutions. Copies of these and other resolutions may be found at: <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/faculty-staff/academic-senate/Pages/Resolutions.aspx>.

1. [AS-3501-21/FA](#)

Request for Continued Accommodations and Flexibility in the Time of COVID-19.

Approved

The ASCSU voted to approve a First Reading Waiver for this resolution due to the time-sensitivity of the issues addressed in this resolution. Because the CSU is still in the midst of an ongoing COVID-19 Global pandemic during campus repopulation after being locked down for almost 18 months, this resolution requests that the CSU Chancellor urge campus presidents to be flexible, compassionate, and accommodating in responding to evolving conditions due to the virulence and unpredictability of the COVID-19 Delta and other variants. The resolution also requests that all campuses permit individual faculty members and departments to modify curriculum and pedagogy (including modality of instruction) as needed to meet their particular emergent circumstances and constraints. Additionally, the resolution requests that the Chancellor's office request an extension of the WASC Senior College & University Commission (WSCUC) authorization of virtual learning through Spring 2022.

2. [AS-3502-21/EX](#)

Commendation for Interim Executive Vice Chancellor Fred Wood, Ph.D.

Approved by Acclamation

This resolution commended Dr. Wood for serving as Interim Executive Vice Chancellor during COVID-19, highlighting his leadership, open heartedness, kindness, and generosity during a time of significant change and many challenges.

3. [AS-3504-21/EX](#)

Commendation for Executive Vice Chancellor Sylvia A. Alva, Ph.D.

Approved by Acclamation

This resolution welcomed Dr. Sylvia Alva as the new CSU Executive Vice Chancellor and highlighted her knowledge, experience, and distinguished career and service to date in the CSU and the hope of establishing a mutually beneficial relationship with the ASCSU.

4. [AS-3506-21/EX](#)

Commendation for Associate Vice Chancellor LuoLuo Hong, Ph.D.

Approved by Acclamation

This resolution commended Dr. Luoluo Hong for her years of distinguished service for the CSU, including her passion for education, health, and well-being; as well as her courageous leadership, mentorship, and advocacy for students and faculty.

5. [AS-3508-21/EX](#)

Commendation for Senator Catherine Nelson

Approved by Acclamation

This resolution commended Senator Catherine Nelson for her many years of service in the CSU as a faculty member and leadership on the ASCSU, highlighting her service on a number of ASCSU committees, including Chair of the ASCSU Academic Affairs Committee, ASCSU Vice-Chair, Chair, and Immediate Past-Chair. The resolution thanked Dr. Nelson for her visionary leadership, diplomacy, defense of the ASCSU, passion for social justice, and sense of humor.

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST READING
CONSIDERATION:**

1. [AS-3499-21/FA](#)

Academic Freedom and Teaching Modality in the COVID-19 Pandemic

This resolution recognizes the challenges that campuses continue to deal with during the COVID-19 pandemic's contagious Delta and other variants. The resolution contends that given the complexity and fluidity of the pandemic, faculty members are in the best position to make quick decisions and maintain safety in the classroom. In order to avoid canceling classes, faculty should have the ad hoc flexibility to rapidly pivot face-to-face courses temporarily to virtual instruction during acute or dynamic transitory extenuating circumstances, such as sudden COVID19 spikes. The Faculty Affairs Committee requested a first reading waiver for this resolution due to the immediacy of these issues, but the ASCSU voted against the waiver and referred the resolution back to the committee.

2. [AS-3500-21/FA](#)

Suspension of Mandatory Peer Observations of Instruction and Student Evaluations for AY 2021-2022.

This resolution requests an extension of *AS-3450-20/FA Suspension of Mandatory Peer Observations of Instruction and Student Evaluations for Academic Year 2020-2021*, which was approved by the ASCSU in September 2020. Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, a large proportion of teaching within the CSU is being accomplished through virtual and/or asynchronous instruction from remote locations, including

faculty members' homes. The resolution recognizes the myriad inequities associated with working remotely, including access to technology, lack of privacy, family concerns, and interruptions. Due to the immediacy of COVID-19 and campus repopulation, the Faculty Affairs Committee requested a first reading waiver for this resolution, but the ASCSU voted against the waiver and referred the resolution back to the committee.

6. **AS-3503-21/APEP**

Acknowledgment of Changes to Math Requirements in International Baccalaureate Program.

This resolution highlights the need for a timely response to changes to the Math requirements in International Baccalaureate (IB) programs and reminds campuses that an individual CSU campus can go beyond the credit by examination list in awarding CSU General Education (GE) credit for area B4. The resolution requests input from the Mathematics Council and individual campus senates in updating the system-wide external exam credit list.

7. **AS-3505-21/APEP**

Support for CSU General Education (GE) System Office Review Standards for Area F (Ethnic Studies)

This resolution amplifies the imperative articulated in [AS-3460-20/AA Adopting the Amended Recommended Core Competencies for Ethnic Studies](#) that all courses, particularly those submitted for review by California Community Colleges (CCC) meet 3 of the 5 Ethnic Studies core competencies by supporting existing certification practices in the CSU General Education (GE) System Office Review Standards for Area F (Ethnic Studies).

8. **AS-3507-21/APEP**

Support for the “CSU Education Deans’ Statement in Support of Culturally Sustaining, Equity Driven, and Justice Focused Pedagogies”

First Reading

The system-wide Deans of Colleges of Education have gone on record opposing restrictions on equity-minded pedagogy and content that have been occurring around the country. This resolution calls for the ASCSU to recognize, endorse, and distribute the Deans’ statement. Support for the “CSU Education Deans’ Statement in Support of Culturally Sustaining, Equity Driven, and Justice Focused Pedagogies”.