



Thank you for the opportunity to provide a report from the Academic Senate.

**A Smoke-Free California State University**

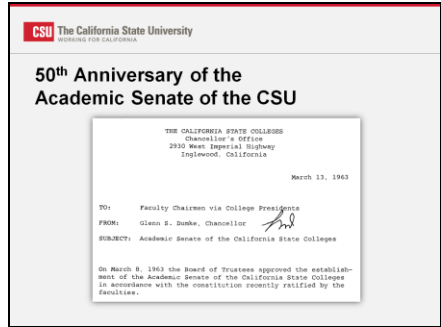
- Ban use and sale of all tobacco products
- Initiate tobacco cessation programs
- Create special task force
- Report by year's end

On behalf of the Academic Senate, I thank Chancellor White for his response to our January 2013 resolution “A Smoke-Free California State University.” He plans to begin the process to ban all tobacco products throughout the CSU and initiate tobacco cessation programs. We would be pleased to participate in the special task force being created and to assist with the report referenced in the response to our resolution.

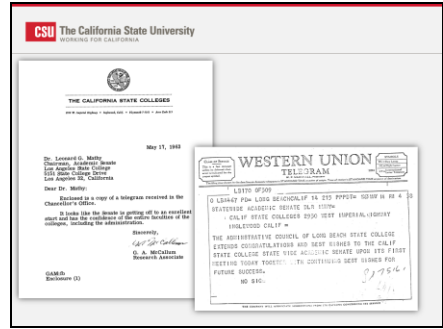
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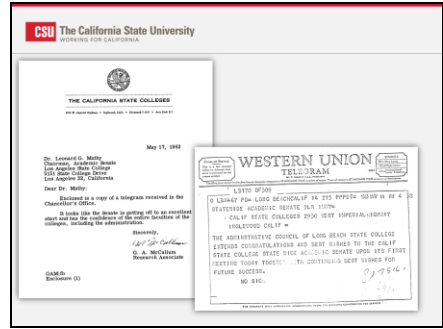
The Academic Senate approved five resolutions last week. I will comment on each briefly, and we have provided a summary and the full-text of the resolutions to you.



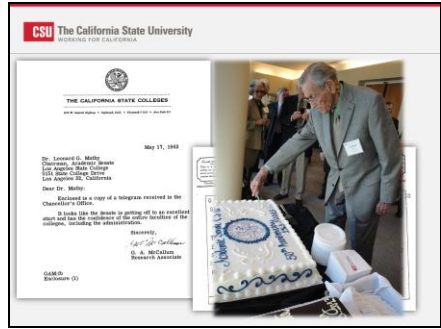
Fifty years ago, in March 1963, the CSU Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the systemwide Academic Senate.



We paused at our March plenary to celebrate and commemorate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by reviewing our history, discussing challenges and best practices to shared governance, and envisioning the future.



Dr. Leonard Mathy, the first chair of the statewide Academic Senate, shared the day with us.



Here we see Dr. Mathy cutting the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake.



The event was attended by campus presidents, provosts, past academic senators, students, staff, campus senate chairs, and leaders from the California State Student Association, Alumni Council, California Faculty Association, CSU-Emeriti and Retired Faculty Association.

Here we see President Emeritus Gerth, his wife Beverly, and our Sacramento campus delegation sharing lunch together.





Dr. Karen White reflected on the speakers she heard during the day, and offered a toast to the Academic Senate’s past and future.

We thank all who shared in commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including Chancellor White and Dr. Karen White for hosting the reception and congratulating the Academic Senate on this significant milestone.

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Our second resolution: The Academic Senate commends the universities of the CSU for taking actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, providing knowledge and educating graduates on climate change, and taking a leadership role in communities on the issue of climate change.

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**CSU Action on Environmental Sustainability: Signatories\***

- Bakersfield
- Channel Islands
- Chico
- Fullerton
- Long Beach
- Monterey Bay
- Northridge
- Pomona
- San José
- San Francisco

\*Signatories to one or both commitments

This resolution commends the specific CSU institutions that have signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment and/or the Talloires Declaration. The Academic Senate encourages continuing commitment and leadership on sustainability and that the Chancellor's Office and remaining CSU institutions become signatories on these initiatives.

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Our third resolution: C-ID is the means by which courses and curricula are approved for inclusion in the transfer associate's degrees established under the guidelines contained in SB 1440. The viability of the C-ID system would be enhanced if ASCSU became an equal partner with ASCCC in the ongoing functioning of C-ID.

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Our fourth resolution: These bills propose to prohibit fee increases during a specified period. The Academic Senate shares the authors' concerns and commends them and co-sponsors for their efforts to address this issue. However, we oppose AB 67 and SB 58 unless they are amended to allow for the possibility of fee/tuition increases should state support not be forthcoming.

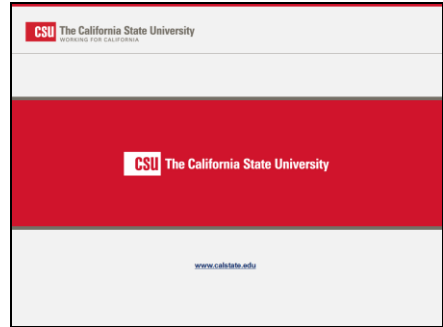
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Our last resolution: Dramatic changes in the balance of student tuition, state, and federal support of higher education, among other factors, lead the Academic Senate to urge the Chancellor's Office to form a task force to study tuition, fees, and financial aid support. Recommendations to address reductions in state funding made to the Board over the past several meetings demonstrate the range of factors involved, their potential interplay, and their significance to students.

The task force charge would include providing recommendations on what changes, if any, should be made to existing policies, procedures, funding levels, eligibility criteria, etc., to enhance academic achievement, facilitate graduation, and promote student success.

We encourage that representatives from the Academic Senate and California State Student Association be included.



In closing: The Academic Senate has a virtual meeting next month and one more plenary in May. We are studying bills introduced in the state legislature and sending a small delegation to speak with legislators on April 9<sup>th</sup>. We continue to work on implementing SB 1440 to facilitate student transfer. The Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates meets later this month to discuss curricular and other issues affecting the community colleges, CSU, and/or UC. Thank you.