ACADEMIC SENATE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

AS-3467-21/FA January 21-22, 2021

CONDEMNATION OF THE INSURRECTION OF JANUARY 6, 2021 IN WASHINGTON, DC

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) condemn the insurrection on January 6, 2021 at the United States Capitol; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU reiterate its commitment to producing a populace educated in the sciences, humanities, and civics as the foundation of a country in which respect for truth is valued over misinformation and engagement in dialogue is valued over violence; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU emphasize the role of higher education in the development of our students' critical thinking skills, including the rigorous evaluation of evidence, the analysis of arguments, the development of literacy, and the recognition that part of United States history is rooted in systemic racism that must be made evident in order to dismantle the structures preventing the enfranchisement of all its citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, CSU campus Senate Executive Committees, CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, California Faculty Association (CFA), California State Student Association (CSSA), CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association (CSU-ERFSA), Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges, Academic Senate of the University of California, California Community Colleges' Board of Governors, University of California Board of Regents, The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, United States House of Representatives, and the United States Senate.

RATIONALE: The actions of January 6, 2021 are anothema to the mission of the CSU, including its goals to advance and extend knowledge, learning and culture; to provide opportunities for individuals to develop intellectually, personally, and professionally; and to prepare students for a multicultural society. Furthermore, the motto of the CSU is "Vox Veritas Vita," and its faculty swear/affirm an oath to support and defend the Constitutions of the United States and the State of California. As the country's largest system of higher education with the most racial and ethnic diversity, we must take a stand in favor of our democratic institutions. It is incumbent upon us to speak out against the recent threats to the principles we in the CSU stand for and promote daily in our profession.