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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS ACADEMIC SENATE CSU PLENARY – JANUARY 26-27, 2017

The Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) met at the Chancellor's Office in Long Beach on January 26-27, 2017 and approved the following resolutions. All can be accessed at the [ASCSU website](#).

Support for the CSU Institute of Teaching and Learning (ITL) Institute AS-3274-16/AA (Rev) – Approved Unanimously

The Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) commends EVC Loren Blanchard for providing financial support for the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) Summer Institute, acknowledges the efforts of CTL personnel for successfully planning and implementing Institute, and applauds the various campus participants for their contributions. The resolution further urges that attention be given to proven strategies and tools that can enhance student success, and urges that adequate funding be provided for – and that there be broad-based participation in --similar ITL offerings in the future.

Academic Freedom Policy AS-3276-16/FA (Rev) – Approved Unanimously

The ASCSU reaffirms its strong commitment to the principles of academic freedom and freedom of inquiry, approves the draft policy on academic freedom prepared by the ASCSU Faculty Affairs Committee, and urges the California State University (CSU) to adopt the draft as its official policy on academic freedom.

Lactation Resource Policy and Practices in the California State University AS-3277-16/FA (Rev) – Approved Unanimously

The ASCSU urges all campuses to review their existing lactation resource policies and develop and implement such a policy if none exists. It urges that such policies comply with state and federal law regarding the number of lactation stations on each campus, and that the policies offer additional recommendations regarding the location, and features of these facilities, and public information available about them.

**Opposition to the Proposed Tuition Increase in the California State University
AS-3282-16/Floor -- *Approved***

The ASCSU urges the California Legislature to provide adequate funding necessary to support CSU operations and deliver quality education to its students. The ASCSU states its opposition to the currently proposed tuition increase as a mechanism for funding the CSU and resolves that the ASCSU and CSSA continue to work with partners across the system to engage in sustained joint advocacy to secure adequate state funding.

Support for the Letter to President Trump from the Leaders of California's Systems of Higher Education about the Continuance of DACA.

AS-3279-16/FGA -- *Approved Unanimously*

The ASCSU supports the letter to President Trump written by the leadership of California's three public higher education segments imploring President Trump and his Administration to continue the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program and to "allow these young people to continue to pursue a college education and contribute to their communities and the nation."

Opposition to the Appointment of Betsy DeVos as US Secretary of Education.

AS-3280-16/APEP – *Approved Without Dissent*

The ASCSU opposes the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as U.S. Secretary of Education, and calls upon the US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions to reject her appointment.

Advice to the CSU Tenure Density Task Force

AS-3281-16/AA – *Approved Unanimously*

The ASCSU encourages the CSU Tenure Density Task Force to recommend that the CSU and its individual campuses set medium- and long-range targets for tenure density; it also recommends specific strategies for meeting these targets. The resolution also urges the Chancellor's Office, on an annual basis, to collect and make available to the CSU community data on metrics related to tenure density.

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The following were introduced for First Reading consideration:

Employment Security for Contingent Faculty, Librarians, Coaches, and Counselors.
AS-3283-17/FA – First Reading

The resolution urges the CSU, in conjunction with the Academic Senate and the California Faculty Association, to establish a task force to investigate models of employment that would provide greater employment security for contingent faculty, librarians, coaches and counselors.

Cessation of General Education Area B4 (Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning) for ELM-Exemption

AS-3284-17/APEP – First Reading

The ASCSU seeks cessation of the practice of granting ELM-exemptions on the basis of completion of General Education Area B4 (Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning), since recent pilot projects authorized to award Area B4 credit (statistics pathways curriculum) appear unlikely to yield complete coverage of those elements tested by the ELM exam.

Saving California's Master Plan Through Tax Reform

AS-3285-17/FA – First Reading

The ASCSU endorses the findings in *The \$48 Fix: Reclaiming California's Master Plan for Higher Education*, which lays out a strategy for making higher education free to eligible California residents through tax reform. The resolution also urges the leadership of California's three public higher education segments, along with faculty, staff, students, and alumni, to undertake a campaign to promote such a plan.

Support for Graduate Education in the California State University (CSU)

AS-3286-17/AA – First Reading

The ASCSU acknowledges the findings of the April 2016 CSU *Masters' Degree Program Quantitative Characteristics* report that reiterates previous ASCSU recommendations on graduate education. The ASCSU also recognizes the need for further study addressing issues related to the role of graduate education in the CSU and, to this end, urges the formation of an ASCSU/CSU Task Force on Graduate Education.

Resolution in Support of Students Admitted to the CSU Under (DACA).

AS-3287-76/FA – First Reading

The ASCSU stands in solidarity with our DACA students and will work to ensure the preservation of DACA, and if it is repealed, to advocate for resources to ensure that the rights of DACA and DACA-eligible students are preserved.

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Additional Actions:

A Call for Increased Funding to the California State University (CSU)

AS-3278-16/AA – Tabled

The full text of ASCSU resolutions is available at:

<http://calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/>