2014 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POSITIONS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) adopt the positions on bills currently under consideration in the California Legislature as identified in the document titled Academic Senate of the California State University, Positions on Proposed Legislative Bills – March 21, 2014; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That these adopted positions guide ASCSU advocacy activities during the 2014 legislative calendar; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That if a change in the ASCSU position on a bill is warranted, due to time or other constraints, consultation with the Academic Senate is not possible, the ASCSU Executive Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Senate, in accordance with resolution AS-3148-13/FGA (Rev) (http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2013-2014/documents/3148.pdf) and the ASCSU Bylaws, while exercising due diligence in keeping the Academic Senate informed of such actions; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution and document to CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, Emeritus & Retired Faculty Association (ERFA), California Faculty Association (CFA), Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges, Academic Senate of the University of California, California State Student Association (CSSA).

RATIONALE: This resolution is part of the 2014 ASCSU Legislative Advocacy strategy presented to the Senate and approved by it in fall 2013. Its purpose is to assist the Academic Senate and its members to be effective and to respond quickly to proposed legislation during the key period of the legislative calendar (March-May). During this period, Legislative bills are being heard in committee in their House of origin, and efforts to shape and influence the bills are likely to be most effective at this time.

Under the California state legislative calendar, proposed legislation is not introduced until late February. It has been the practice of ASCSU to establish its position on legislation by means of resolutions addressing individual bills, which limits the number of bills to which the Academic Senate can respond meaningfully. In addition, Senate legislative positions have not been established until the May plenary due to our practice of first and second readings. By that time, important discussion on the bills in the legislative committees has already
occurred. This resolution establishes official ASCSU positions on a wide range of bills early in the legislative process to enable the Academic Senate to participate more effectively in bill development.

Approved Without Dissent – March 21, 2014
Priority Bills

SB 850 (Block – D)  California Community Colleges: baccalaureate degree pilot program
Position: No Position/Watch (AS 3163 – 14)

SB 1196 (Liu – D)  Postsecondary education: state goals
Position: No Position/Watch

AB 2092 (Chávez – R)  Postsecondary education: common course numbering system
Position: Oppose

AB 2324 (Williams – D)  Trustees of the California State University: faculty member of the board
CSU Sponsored  CSSA: Support
Position: Support

Senate Bills

SB 495 (Yee – D)  Postsecondary education employees: physicians
Position: No Position/Watch

SB 845 (Correa – D)  Postsecondary education: electronic disbursement of student financial aid
CFA: Watch  CSSA: Support
Position: Support

SB 1017 (Evans – D)  Taxation: oil severance tax law
CFA: Support
Position: Support

SB 1022 (Huff – R)  Labor market outcome information
Position: Oppose

SB 1210 (Lara – D)  Act relating to postsecondary education
Position: No Position/Watch

SB 1325 (Yee – D)  California State University: contractors
CFA: Sponsor
Position: Support

Assembly Bills

AB 1433 (Gatto – D)  Student safety
Position: No Position/Watch

AB 1451 (Holden – D)  Public schools: concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college
Position: No Position/Watch

AB 1456 (Jones-Sawyer – D)  Higher education: tuition and fees: pilot program
CFA: Oppose
Position: No Position/Watch
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