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To: Dr. Marshelle Thobaben, Chair
   Academic Senate, CSU

From: Dr. Gary W. Reichard
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Subject: January 26-27, 2006 Senate Resolutions

Thank you for forwarding the packet of resolutions heard on initial reading/adopted by the Academic Senate of The California State University at its meeting on January 26-27, 2006. I am pleased to provide the responses below.

AS-2772-05/FA Ongoing External Efforts to Shape Curricula in Institutions of Learning

We are pleased to note the Senate’s support for academic freedom, including the opportunity to research and publish, the freedom to teach and the freedom to communicate extramurally without undue and inappropriate constraints.

AS-2723-05/FA Providing Newly Recruited Faculty with Necessary Support

We will discuss with provosts and vice presidents for academic affairs the Senate’s concerns that campus administrations ensure that all faculty, including new recruits, be provided with appropriate office space, technology, equipment, and other needed facilities and materials; and that salary advances be made when needed and appropriate.

AS-2726-05/TEKR Commendation for the Early Assessment Project

This is a welcome commendation, that rightly notes the many important contributions of CSU faculty and administrators, and other agencies in California.

AS-2727-05/TEKR Support of California’s Science and Mathematics Teacher Preparation Initiative

This is a welcome commendation. We all understand very well that the ultimate success of this initiative will be due to the continuing excellent work on the part of campus faculty.