



California State University, Fullerton
Academic Senate

Resolution in Support of Shared Governance at CSU Dominguez Hills

October 29, 2009

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) offers its strong and unequivocal support to faculty colleagues at CSU Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) in their efforts to obtain significant and meaningful faculty participation in the development and implementation of budget reduction initiatives presently underway on that campus; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of CSUF calls upon the CSU Board of Trustees and Chancellor's Office, and the CSUDH President and Provost, to ensure that CSU and American Association of University Professors (AAUP) standards of collegiality and shared governance be adhered to in any processes that involve the curriculum, academic programs or instructional integrity at CSUDH; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the CSU Board of Trustees, Chancellor's Office and Academic Senate; the CSUDH President, Provost and Academic Senate; the California Faculty Association, and the AAUP Committee on College and University Governance.

***RATIONALE:** CSUDH currently is engaged in processes focused upon budget reductions using program elimination as its primary strategy. These processes are set forth in a CSUDH document entitled "Academic Affairs Fall 2009 Program Planning Process." CSUDH faculty leaders have confirmed that this document originally was prepared without any substantive faculty input and then was implemented by the CSUDH administration following limited and hasty consultation with faculty. CSUDH faculty continue to challenge the process's primary focus upon program elimination, an implementation timeline which does not allow for meaningful and reasoned debate, and an overriding concern that programs may be eliminated without consideration of other potential cost-saving strategies. In what appears to represent, at best, a minimization of these faculty concerns, the CSUDH administration violates accepted standards of collegiality and shared governance within the CSU and as set forth by the AAUP. While recognizing that current budgetary constraints may require the development of appropriate cost reduction initiatives, it is imperative that faculty maintain a significant and meaningful voice in developing and implementing any processes that may affect curriculum, academic programs, and the instructional integrity of the university. Such significance and meaning only can be measured by the degree to which the preponderant faculty voice is reflected in the policies, processes and ultimate outcomes associated with the cost-saving initiatives.*

Passed Unanimously by CSUF Academic Senate on October 29, 2009.