



Academic Senate Approved Unanimously 9-26-13

Resolution

Regarding the Appointment of a Faculty Trustee to the CSU Board of Trustees

Whereas the Faculty Trustee is a significant part of effective shared governance in the CSU system; and

Whereas the Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) followed appropriate procedures and forwarded two nominees for CSU Faculty Trustee to Governor Brown on March 21, 2013; and

Whereas the Governor has not appointed a Faculty Trustee, leaving CSU faculty without a faculty vote in Board deliberations; and

Whereas if the Governor does not act quickly, at least two meetings will have passed without a Faculty Trustee present; therefore be it

Resolved that the Academic Senate of California State University Fullerton affirm the importance of a California State University (CSU) Faculty Trustee to university shared governance; and be it further

Resolved that the Academic Senate of California State University Fullerton affirm the Academic Senate of the California State University resolution of concern over the delay in the Governor's appointment of a CSU Faculty Trustee (<http://www.calstate.edu/acadsen/Records/Resolutions/2013-2014/documents/3141.shtml>); and be it further

Resolved that the Academic Senate urge Governor Brown to appoint a Faculty Trustee in time for the Faculty Trustee to participate in the next CSU Board of Trustees Meeting; and be it further

Resolved that this resolution be distributed to Governor Brown, Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, Senator Lou Correa, the CSU Board of Trustees, Chancellor White, the ASCSU, CSU Fullerton President García, and CSU campus Academic Senates.

Source: Executive Committee

Date: September 24, 2013

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3141-13/EX
September 20, 2013

Concern over Delay in Governor's Appointment of CSU Faculty Trustee

- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) affirm previous resolutions of concern regarding the absence of the CSU Faculty Trustee, including AS-2911-09/FGA, *Concern over Delay in Governor's Appointment of CSU Faculty Trustee*; AS-2986-10/FA, *A Call for Governor Brown to Appoint a Faculty Trustee*; and AS-3065-12/EX (Rev), *Appointment, Confirmation and Service of Trustees to the California State University (CSU)*; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU affirm its unequivocal support of the two qualified CSU Faculty Trustee candidates nominated to Governor Brown in March 2013; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU respectfully request that, per his statutory responsibility, Governor Brown appoint the CSU Faculty Trustee for the term ending June 30, 2015 as soon as possible; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the 2013-14 ASCSU Executive Committee be empowered to work with the CSU Chancellor's Office, CSU Board of Trustees, and/or California Faculty Association to ensure the continuous presence of a faculty trustee; and be it finally
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom, CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White and the remaining members of the Board of Trustees, CSU campus Senate chairs, the California Faculty Association, members of the California State Assembly Higher Education Committee, members of the California State Senate Education Committee, the California State Student Association, the editorial boards of the Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle, San Diego Union-Tribune, Sacramento Bee, San Jose Mercury-News, Fresno Bee, and the Chronicle of Higher Education, CSU Faculty Trustee nominees Professor Bernadette Cheyne and Professor Steven Stepanek.

RATIONALE: During the period November 2012 to March 2013, the ASCSU conducted the posting, review, and interview process described in California Education Code Sections 66600-66609 and approved unanimously by the members of ASCSU on March 4, 1988 as part of AS-1773-87/EX. Adherence to the prescribed process resulted in a diverse pool of four candidates. After several rounds of secret balloting, two candidates emerged as the clear choices of the members of the ASCSU to send forward to the Governor. The process described in the above referenced California Education Code specifies that a minimum of

two candidates be sent forward to the Governor. As of September 20, 2013, the CSU Faculty Trustee has yet to be appointed by Governor Brown.

As noted in AS-2935-10/FA, A Call for Board of Trustee Action on Faculty Trustee Appointment:

...the absence of a faculty trustee to represent the faculty in discussions that inform BOT action, especially with respect to educational policy issues such as time to graduation, transfer, and remediation, calls into question the legitimacy of the BOT and undermines the ASCSU's confidence in carrying out the policies of a BOT that is not fully constituted as prescribed by law...

The ASCSU search committee followed the process required in the appropriate Code, and the ASCSU conducted a fair and secret ballot. Therefore, it remains for the Governor to complete the final stage of the process and select one of the two candidates as Faculty Trustee for the 2013-2015 term.

Links to previous resolutions:

AS-2911-09/FGA, Concern over Delay in Governor's Appointment of CSU Faculty Trustee <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2009-2010/documents/2911.pdf>

*AS-2986-10/FA, A Call for Governor Brown to Appoint a **Faculty Trustee** <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2010-2011/documents/2986.pdf>*

AS-3065-12/EX (Rev), Appointment, Confirmation and Service of Trustees to the California State University (CSU) <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2011-2012/documents/3065.pdf>

*AS-2935-10/FA, A Call for Board of Trustee Action on Faculty **Trustee** Appointment <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2009-2010/documents/2935.pdf>*

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