Faculty Senate Meeting March 6, 2025

Resolution Calling for President Wood to Adhere to the Policy on the Re-Organization or Moving of Academic Units and Programs When Proposing a Reduction in the Number of Colleges

Attachment: FS 24/25-135

Whereas, the university Policy on the Re-Organization or Moving of Academic Units and Programs governs the process for the reorganization of academic units, which includes the combining of academic units;

Whereas, President Wood has publicly applauded the fact that Sacramento State is only one of two CSU campuses that has a policy governing the reorganizing of academic units;

Whereas, President Wood reaffirmed his commitment to Shared Governance when, on September 7th 2024 at a meeting of the Faculty Senate, he signed the "Statement on Shared Governance and Consultation at California State University, Sacramento," which has as its final line: "Above all else, a mutual commitment and respect for the process must be observed if consultation in the context of shared governance is to be successful";

Whereas, before the president makes a decision about a reorganization of academic units, the Policy on the Re-Organization or Moving of Academic Units and Programs requires that 1) any person or group, *including the President*, must put forth a formal written proposal that contains a rationale for the reorganization, 2) an administrative analysis be done of the anticipated logistical and budget implications (costs, funding sources, shared or separate resource requirements, staffing, space allocations, etc.) associated with the proposed reorganization, 3) pro-active consultation with all academic units, programs, colleges, or others which might reasonably be expected to be impacted by the proposal, 4) a representative faculty vote be held on the proposal, following typical discussion/debate procedures, in the colleges directly involved, in the form of their Academic Councils, 5) a representative faculty vote be held on the proposal, following typical discussion/debate procedures, at the campus level, in form of the Faculty Senate, resulting in a recommendation from the Faculty Senate to the President regarding the proposed reorganization;

Whereas, President Wood announced at the Faculty Senate meeting of February 6th, 2025, that he had made the unilateral decision to reduce the number of colleges at Sacramento State from seven to four – an exceedingly significant reorganization of academic units – without having followed any of the steps required by the Policy on the Re-Organization or Moving of Academic Units and Programs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that, if President Wood desires the number of colleges at Sacramento State be reduced from seven to four, he adheres to campus policy governing the reorganization of academic units by following all of the processes required by that policy;

Resolved that, as a first step, President Wood put forth a formal written proposal detailing the rationale for such a reorganization;

Resolved that the administration provides, as required by the Policy on Re-Organization or Moving of Academic Units and Programs, an administrative analysis of the anticipated logistical and budget implications (costs, funding sources, shared or separate resource requirements, staffing, space allocations, etc.) associated with the proposed reorganization; and be it

 Resolved that, in accordance with the Policy on Re-Organization or Moving of Academic Units and Programs and the spirit of Shared Governance, prior to any final decision by President Wood on the proposal, members of the campus community our afforded the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal, and representative faculty votes regarding the proposal are conducted at the college and university levels.