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SEC Resolution in Response to EO 1100 (Revised) and EO 1110

Approved by the Faculty Senate, October 26, 2017

Whereas, the Chancellor's Office introduced Executive Order 1100 (revised) and 1110 without meaningful, deliberate and data-driven consultation with CSUN faculty; and

Whereas, implementation of EO 1100 (revised) and 1110 would require sweeping and dramatic curricular changes including but not limited to: design of mathematics curriculum that will enable underprepared students to succeed in university-level introductory courses; creation of approximately 20 upper-division Section B science GE courses; making adaptations to CSUN's requirement for cross-cultural competency, maintaining these courses and programs as distinct and integral components of students' educations; and

Whereas, making curricular changes such as those described above necessarily requires considerable time, care, consideration and deliberation by CSUN faculty to maintain and enhance student success; and

Whereas, such consideration and deliberation are rightfully the responsibility and provenance of the faculty, given the principle of shared governance; and

Whereas, the addition of three units of upper division GE in Section B will likely result in declining graduation rates for non-STEM students; and

Whereas, at CSUN, courses in cross-cultural studies are important to provide all students exposure to diverse cultures and thinking and are, in particular, critical to underrepresented students by providing opportunities to connect to CSUN and find a sense of belonging on campus (factors necessary for persistence and student success); and

Whereas, any diminishment of cross-cultural studies would send exactly the wrong message to our diverse student body and to the communities we serve in this particular historical moment; be it therefore

Resolved, that the CSUN Faculty Senate challenge the right of Chancellor White to enact EO 1100 (revised) and EO 1110 without substantive input from faculty and that the CSUN Faculty Senate therefore demand rescission of EO1100 (revised) and EO1110; and be it further

Resolved, that the CSUN Faculty Senate urge the Chancellor's Office to follow shared governance in consultation with faculty consistent with provisions in the Statewide Senate Constitution, the Board of Trustees standing orders, and AAUP principles; and be it further

Resolved, that the CSUN Faculty Senate urge the Chancellor's Office to work with a task force created by CSUN's AS for the purpose of incorporating student input and maintaining transparency on all matters related to EO 1100 and EO 1110. The results will be forwarded to the General Education Task Force (GEAC) for consideration; and be it finally

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be shared with Chancellor Timothy White, President Dianne Harrison, CSUN Associated Students, the Academic Senate CSU, CSU Senate Chairs, the CSUN Council of Chairs, and the Sundial.