Academic Senate Resolution on the Renaming of the Vice President for Student Affairs

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Whereas: California State University, Fresno has adopted a new motto for use on stationery, banners, and other paraphernalia that reads “Discovery. Diversity. Distinction.”; and

Whereas: The University’s governing structure should reflect this new focus; and

Whereas: The areas of “Discovery” and “Distinction” are especially, but not exclusively, the purview of the Offices of the Provost and the President; and

Whereas: There is no administrative office devoted specifically to “Diversity”; and

Whereas: The University’s student body currently best reflects this quality of “Diversity”; and

Whereas: The University will be searching this fall semester for a new Vice President, whose title is currently Vice President for Student Affairs; and

Whereas: The University Cabinet’s web site describes this cabinet position as follows: “The Vice President for Student Affairs is responsible for the areas of Enrollment Services, which includes outreach, admission, records, evaluation and financial aid, scholarships, and international student services; University Health and Psychological Services; Federal Programs and campus discipline; Student Success Services, which includes advising, the Learning Center, Educational Opportunity Program and other academic support services; and Student Life, which includes student activities/leadership, career services, center for women's [*sic*] and culture, services for students with disabilities; student recreation center and the University Student Union”; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the University should consider renaming this position Vice President for Diversity and Student Affairs; and be it further

Resolved: That the search for this new position be conducted with real attention to and recognition of the University’s commitment to diversity in all areas; and be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be forwarded to the University President.