

(COPIES for FRESNO STATE ACADEMIC SENATORS)

RESOLUTION

regarding

CONSULTATION and ELIMINATION of NINE UNITS of UPPER DIVISION G.E.

September 10, 2012

WHEREAS: California Government Code Section 3561 states the “legislature recognizes that the joint decision making and consultation between administration and faculty or academic employees is the long-accepted manner of governing institutions of higher learning and is essential to the performance of the educational missions of these institutions , and declares that it is the purpose of this chapter to preserve and encourage that process. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to restrict, limit, or prohibit the full exercise of the functions of the faculty in any shared governance mechanisms or practices, including the Academic Senate of the California University, and other faculty councils, with respect to policies on academic and professional matters affecting the California State University, the University of California, or Hastings College of Law.... “ and

WHEREAS: The Chair of the Academic Senate of the California State University was informed via memorandum on September 7, 2012 by the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer of the California State University that the Trustee Education Policy Committee would be considering the elimination of nine units of upper division General Education courses from 23 campuses at its September 2012 meeting; and

WHEREAS: Such short notice does not allow for appropriate consultation with faculty and academic employees as per California Government Code Section 3561; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State University, Fresno support the request of the Chair of the Academic Senate of the California State University that this item be withdrawn from the September 2012 agenda of the Board of Trustees and the Trustees Education Policy Committees’ agendas in order to provide for a “full exploration of the facts regarding the impact of the proposal on academic quality and lifelong student success.” (ASCSU Chair to Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer 9/10/2012)

c: Chancellor Charles Reed
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