May 10, 2010

Resolution to Governor Rell

The resolution: The CCSU Faculty Senate supports sending a letter to Governor Rell requesting the immediate resignations of Chancellor David Carter and BOT Chairman Karl Krapek.

Accompanying Letter to Governor Rell

Dear Governor Rell:

We have lost confidence in the leadership of the CSU system under BOT Chairman Karl Krapek and Chancellor David Carter. Over the past seven months, their actions have been marked by a troubling pattern of dishonesty, lack of transparency, and fiscal irresponsibility. We've repeatedly made note of this pattern and asked them to correct it—to no avail.

They've demonstrated a profound unwillingness to engage with us or to listen to the concerns of their constituencies at the CSU campuses. They've exhibited arrogance in their policy-making and recklessness in their financial decision-making. They've been accountable to no one but themselves.

As you must know, the actions of Chairman Krapek and Chancellor Carter have drawn the critical attention of both state and national media in recent weeks. Their actions are both harmful and embarrassing to the CSU system and to the State of Connecticut, and stand in stark contrast to your ethics-driven leadership. At this critical time, when public higher education must play a key role in any effort to revitalize the state's economy and quality of life, nothing less than honorable, open leadership should be tolerated—leadership that values the intellect, ingenuity, and commitment of the System's faculty and staff. We have asked for such leadership, we have waited and waited for such leadership, and we are now convinced that the individuals currently in office cannot provide it. Therefore, we write to request that you ask for the immediate resignations of BOT Chairman Karl Krapek and CSUS Chancellor David Carter.

Sincerely,

SCSU Faculty Senate

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Cc:

Chair, Board of Governors
Chair, Higher Education Committee
CSUS Board of Trustees
Chancellor David Carter