

PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON SEARCH FOR NEXT CSCU PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, CSCU President Mark Ojikian has announced his retirement, effective January 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, it is crucial for the future of CSCU that a highly qualified, competent, and experienced academic be hired to replace him;

WHEREAS, the decisions made by the Board of Regents and the CSCU President have an impact on the lives and careers of thousands of dedicated teaching and administrative faculty members, and tens of thousands of students;

WHEREAS, teaching and administrative faculty members who have dedicated decades of their lives to the education of our students are in the best position to assess the qualifications of applicants to the position of CSCU President;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the CCSU Faculty Senate demands that the Board of Regents conduct a national search, consistently with principles of equity and inclusion, for a new CSCU President, who should take office no later than the beginning of the 2021-22 academic year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CCSU Faculty Senate demands that the Board of Regents establish a single search committee to review the credentials and interview candidates, and make a recommendation to the Board for the position of CSCU President, with more than half of the search committee being members of the teaching and administrative faculty of the constituent institutions of CSCU, elected by their peers or by faculty representative bodies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CCSU Faculty Senate asserts that the search for the new CSCU President must be conducted according to the [principles espoused by AAUP for searches for institutional presidents](#); in particular, current system-level administrators should have a limited or nonexistent role in the search, as they represent the perspective of the outgoing administration;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the CCSU Faculty Senate asserts that the search committee must establish criteria for the selection of the new CSCU President, and that such criteria must include that applicants must hold an earned terminal degree in their field, and have many years of higher education experience, including at least some years as president of an individual institution of higher education.