

Faculty Senate Resolution on CSU Academic Planning

WHEREAS Chancellor Cheng pledged transparency and respect for shared governance from himself and the system office;

WHEREAS Chancellor Cheng notified the system of June 28, 2023 that the system office would “develop and administer procedures for all CSU institutions to undertake a system review of academic offerings...” pursuant to a BOR Resolution dated that same day;

WHEREAS this decision was made over the middle of the summer, when faculty, who are in charge of curriculum, were off-contract and given little notice or opportunity to respond publicly to the resolution;

WHEREAS the FAC and university shared governing bodies, including Senates, have not yet received a draft program review form to be considered and revised;

WHEREAS Chancellor Cheng on 8/23/23 in a meeting of the Finance and Infrastructure meeting stated that the data needed for the academic planning and assessment had already been gathered, unbeknownst to elected union leaders, senate presidents, and FAC representatives;

WHEREAS faculty at all four CSUs have now been notified that the CSU system office and BOR are ordering the CSUs to assess EVERY academic program at their institutions, a process which can take one year for one major, but now is expected to be completed in less than one semester;

WHEREAS faculty are the only ones with the expertise to properly design the metrics and assessment tools to evaluate their academic programs;

WHEREAS faculty also understand the urgency in the academic realignment process in order to meet budgetary shortfalls;

WHEREAS faculty should be actively be involved in every step of the academic planning process;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CCSU Faculty Senate calls on the CSU System Office to fulfill its pledge and make its intentions and process transparent around academic planning, so it can be reviewed, discussed, and debated by all stakeholders- including students, faculty, and staff- in a democratic process and so each program review is aligned with the missions of each institution;

BE IT RESOLVED that, in the interest of shared governance, all currently collected data, financial information, and analyses to be used in the academic planning process be given to the faculty senates so faculty can participate and properly evaluate the validity of the proposed metrics;

BE IT RESOLVED that, in the interest of shared governance, the currently proposed timeline by the system office be removed and redesigned in consultation with the faculty senates.