SS-F13-1, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Supporting Official Campus Visits for all CSU Presidential Finalists

Legislative History: At its meeting of October 21, 2013, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by the Executive Committee.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OFFICIAL CAMPUS VISITS FOR ALL CSU PRESIDENTIAL FINALISTS

WHEREAS The CSU Board of Trustees’ Policy for the Selection of Presidents of September 20-21, 2011 states that “the Chancellor and the Chair of the TCSP [Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President] determine whether to schedule campus visits, which are optional, or to schedule campus visits on a modified basis, depending on the circumstances of the search”;

WHEREAS The omission of the official campus visits would mean less transparency in the search and perhaps less trust between the public and the University in the outcome of said search;

WHEREAS Official campus visits by presidential candidates' official campus visits provide the campus, the public, the CSU Board of Trustees and the TCSP important insights into the candidates' knowledge of, and ability to lead, the students, faculty, staff, and administration of a the campus to which they have applied; and

WHEREAS A presidential candidates' official campus visit also provides the candidate with invaluable knowledge and understanding of the campus to which they have applied; now therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of SJSU strongly encourage the inclusion of official campus visits for finalists in all CSU searches for a new president in the 2013-14 academic year; and be it further
RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of SJSU strongly encourages the CSU Board of Trustees to revisit the Policy for the Selection of Presidents of September 20-21, 2011 and once again make official campus visits for finalists in presidential searches mandatory; and it be it further

RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be sent to the CSU Board of Trustees, Chancellor White, the ASCSU, all CSU campus Academic Senates, and to the SJSU campus community.

Approved: October 14, 2013
Vote: 8-0-4
Present: Qayoumi, Heiden, Ayala, Bibb, Frazier, Gleixner, Nance, Peter, Ng, Von Till, Kimbarow, Van Selst
Absent: Junn, Dukes, Kaufman