

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE TO THE  
CSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES' PRESIDENTIAL SELECTION PROCESS**

**WHEREAS,** the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton Incorporated (ASI) is the recognized voice for the approximately 35,000 students at California State University, Fullerton; and

**WHEREAS,** the current CSU Board of Trustees' Policy regarding the selection of Presidents affirms the "purpose of the campus visit is to encourage candidates to remain interested in pursuing the presidency by engaging in ideas with campus constituent groups and through promotions of the campus and the community" and that the official campus visit "generates a foundation for the new president's success on campus"; and

**WHEREAS,** the Special Committee on Presidential Selection and Compensation is proposing to make the official campus visit optional for final candidates of presidential searches; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed change compromises its own goals to "generate confidence in the selection process and garner local support for the eventual appointee" as stated in both the current and proposed policies; and

**WHEREAS,** the official campus visit provides students and other members of the campus community the opportunity to interact with the candidate, participate in the Presidential search process, and give valuable feedback to the Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for Selection of the President; and

**WHEREAS,** the participation and engagement of students, faculty, and staff in the process of Presidential searches is both necessary and expected within the principles of collegial governance and the long-established tradition of "The Fullerton Way"; and

**WHEREAS,** arriving on campus without the support and legitimacy provided, in part, by the process of official campus visits would put the chosen candidate for president at a significant disadvantage in establishing both a successful transition and the essential relationships required by a successful Presidency; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the duty and obligation of the CSU Board of Trustees to ensure the positive relationship between a campus community and its President to ensure the success of the overall University itself; and

**WHEREAS,** in solidarity with the Academic Senate of California State University, Fullerton who unanimously passed a similar resolution on September 15, 2011; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** the ASI strongly opposes any change eliminating or making optional the campus visit in the selection of presidents in the CSU and strongly urges the CSU Board of Trustees to continue past practice as articulated in its current policy; therefore, be it further

**RESOLVED,** that this resolution be distributed to Chancellor Reed, the CSU Board of Trustees, Lou Monville- Chair of the Special Committee on Presidential Selection and Compensation, President Gordon, and the Academic Senate of California State University, Fullerton.

Adopted by the ASI Board of Directors on the twentieth day of September, two thousand and eleven

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