

The Resolution was discussed, Senator Dillon asked for and received permission to distribute an amendment. A motion was made, seconded and carried to move the item to Second Reading where the amendment was debated along with other amendments. The resolution was not agreed to.

Whereas: The Faculty Senate of California State University, Sacramento, in FS 11-12/132, recommended adoption of a policy on “Faculty Responsibilities to Students in the Instructional Environment,” which was approved as University Policy by President Gonzalez; and

Whereas: This policy expressly provides that faculty responsibilities in the instructional environment include that:

1. Students should not be forced by the authority inherent in the instructional role to make particular personal choices as to political action or their own social behavior outside the instructional environment, and
2. Faculty will provide thoughtfully prepared and delivered curricula that are purposefully related to the stated objectives of the course in question, consonant with the description in the University catalog; and

Whereas: The policy statements referenced are derived from the key elements of Council of the American Association of University Professors’ position in its “Statement on Freedom and Responsibility” (AAUP Policy Documents & Reports (10th Ed.). 2006. Washington, DC: American Association of University Professors, pp. 173-174), which are subscribed to by Sacramento State in this policy, and which provide as follows:

1. *Students are entitled to an atmosphere conducive to learning and to even-handed treatment in all aspects of the teacher-student relationship. Faculty members may not refuse to enroll or teach students on the grounds of the faculty or students’ beliefs or the possible uses to which students may put the knowledge to be gained in a course. **Students should not be forced by the authority inherent in the instructional role to make particular personal choices as to political action or their own social behavior outside the instructional environment.** Evaluation of students and the award of credit must be based on academic performance professionally judged and not on matters irrelevant to that performance, whether personality, race, religion, degree of political activism, or personal beliefs; and*
2. *It is the mastery teachers have of their subjects and their own scholarship that entitles them to their classrooms and to freedom in the presentation of their subjects. Thus, **it is improper for an instructor persistently to intrude material that has no relation to the subject, or to fail to present the subject matter of the course as announced to the students and as approved by the faculty in their collective responsibility for the curriculum.***

- Whereas: The local chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA) has been contacting members of the faculty by e-mail and phone urging them to make classroom presentations in support of Proposition 30, a Sales and Income Tax Increase Initiative, which will appear on the November, 2012 Ballot; and
- Whereas: Unless the content of the proposition has a direct relation to the subject of a course, and unless presentations on the proposition do not use the authority inherent in the instructional role to persuade students to vote in favor of the proposition; it would be improper and in violation of the Sacramento State policy referenced in this resolution; and
- Whereas: The new policy on “Faculty Responsibilities to Students in the Instructional Environment,” has not been adequately publicized to the Academic community; therefore, be it
- Resolved: The Faculty Senate of California State University, Sacramento, requests that the local chapter of the California Faculty Association either refrain from urging the faculty of California State University, Sacramento, to make classroom presentations on Proposition 30, or make clear in their communications that making such presentations in classes whose subject matter has no relation to the proposition and/or use of the authority inherent in the instructional role to persuade students to vote in support of Proposition 30 are in violation of the University policy on “Faculty Responsibilities to Students in the Instructional Environment,” and be it further
- Resolved: The Faculty Senate of California State University, Sacramento, requests that the President ensure that the new policy on “Faculty Responsibilities to Students in the Instructional Environment,” is brought to the attention of all members of the University community.