

1 **“Resolution to Urge Due Diligence in Suspensions of Graduate Admissions**
2 **and Revisions of the Discontinuance Policy”**

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4 Whereas, The mission of California State University includes “offer[ing] undergraduate and
5 graduate instruction leading to bachelor’s and higher degrees in the liberal arts and
6 sciences, the applied fields, and the professions” and “prepar[ing] students for an
7 international, multi-cultural society”; and
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9 Whereas, The mission of California State University, Long Beach specifically
10 acknowledges that we are “a diverse, student-centered, globally-engaged public
11 university” and includes “providing highly-valued undergraduate and graduate
12 educational opportunities”; and
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14 Whereas, The Academic Senate recognizes the difficult and trying times facing our
15 University; and understands that all of us—administrators, faculty, staff, and
16 students alike—have great concerns about our ability to provide quality education
17 for our students and maintain stable professional opportunities for our faculty; and
18 that we, its members, are collectively aware that difficult decisions must be made
19 this year and next, as budgets tighten and as financial constraints increase; and
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21 Whereas, Complete trust is necessary on all sides for cooperative decision-making to be
22 effective; and
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24 Whereas, In late April 2012 graduate admissions to the Department of Asian and Asian-
25 American Studies were suspended in mid-stream, after admission letters had been
26 sent, causing anxiety not only to members of the Asian and Asian American
27 Graduate Student Association and departmental faculty, but also to other
28 departments with graduate programs; and
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30 Whereas, The Department had recruited and admitted students from the People’s Republic
31 of China, the action caused a loss of face and damage to the reputation of the
32 Department and University such that representations had to be made to their
33 Consulate; and
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35 Whereas, It is unclear whether (a) the University had fully consulted with the relevant
36 faculty, (b) is fully aware of the decision’s strategic implications, and (c) had used
37 current and complete data in its decision-making; and
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39 Whereas, The College of Liberal Arts Faculty Council sent on to the Academic Senate an
40 Emergency Resolution numbered 12-01 and dated May 9, 2012 urgently seeking
41 action about this matter: “Having heard that prospective graduate students in [a]
42 CLA graduate program have had admission offers rescinded without [full and
43 timely] consultation of relevant department and college leadership, the CLA
44 Faculty Council resolves and recommends that all actions related to the potential
45 suspension of admissions to graduate programs be conducted with transparency

- 46 and according to university policy and faculty shared governance”; and now,
 47 therefore, be it
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 49 Resolved, That decisions on limiting or eliminating graduate programs in the College be in
 50 compliance with AS Policy 11-05, “Discontinuance of Academic Programs,” and
 51 with full and timely disclosure to all parties involved, including graduate students,
 52 graduate faculty, department administrators, and deans—and that this be
 53 understood as the meaning of the phrase in line 30 of AS Policy 11-05, “as far as
 54 possible”; be it further
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 56 Resolved, That the Academic Senate charge the CEPC to draft amendments to AS Policy
 57 11-05, “Discontinuance of Programs,” that address the issues of (a) what specific
 58 considerations come into play for suspension of admissions, (b) minimum notice
 59 time to a department about admissions’ suspension, (c) a date after which
 60 decisions concerning suspension of admissions would rollover to the following
 61 academic year, and (d) a time limit of one year to such suspensions if no term is
 62 specified by the administrative action; be it further
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 64 Resolved, That this task be undertaken with all due diligence so that amendments may be
 65 brought to the floor of the Academic Senate well-in-advance of the spring 2013
 66 admissions process for fall 2013; be it further
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 68 Resolved, That all decisions related to the potential suspension of admissions to graduate
 69 programs not only be conducted according to University policy, but also (a) be
 70 transparent, and (b) exercise the mechanisms of faculty governance at
 71 departmental, College, and University levels; be it further
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 73 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be distributed to Provost Para, all deans, and to the
 74 chairs of all departments.
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76 Submitted by

77 /s/ David T. Stewart 9/12/12

/s/ Alexandra Jaffe 9-13-12

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 84 The above resolution was passed by the CLA Faculty Council as CLA FC Resolution 12-02 on
 85 Sept. 12, 2012.

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 88 /s/ Eileen Klink 9/12/12
 89 Academic Senator