

SDSU University Senate Resolution Supporting a Constitutional Referendum to Add Dedicated Lecturer Seats to the Academic Senate of the California State University System (ASCSU)

WHEREAS, The SDSU Senate reaffirms its commitment to shared governance through the inclusion of dedicated seats for Lecturer Faculty on the SDSU University Senate and the development of a Lecturer Affairs core committee, which provides an important voice for Lecturer Faculty on issues of general concern as well as issues specific to Lecturer Faculty; and

WHEREAS, In March, 2023, the Academic Senate California State University (ASCSU) approved AS-3660, which amends the ASCSU Constitution to add three (3) dedicated lecturer faculty seats to the ASCSU. The ASCSU Constitution requires that any amendments be ratified by the campuses and then approved by the CSU Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, At the September 2024 ASCSU plenary, senators amended and approved AS-3714 and AS-3715 which govern the details of the ratification process and requests that SDSU conduct a ratification vote on the amendment;

Resolved: That the SDSU Senate affirm the ASCSU for adding three (3) lecturer seats and for providing a referendum process to amend the ASCSU constitution to add the seats;

Resolved: That the SDSU Senate issue a ballot in alignment with ASCSU process recommendations and timeline and that the voting period begin as soon as possible and be completed by October 30, 2024, in order to submit the results to the ASCSU Chair by the November 1, 2024 due date; and be it further;

Resolved: That the SDSU Senate commend the ASCSU for AS-3714-24/Exec enabling all Unit 3 employees [Coaches, Psychological Counselors, Librarians, Tenure Track and Temporary Instructional Faculty] to cast votes in the Referendum on Dedicated Lecturer Seats in the ASCSU; and be it further

Resolved: That the SDSU Senate urge affirmative votes on the referendum.

Rationale:

The inclusion of lecturer seats on the ASCSU and the inclusion of all Unit 3 employees to cast votes on constitutional amendments strengthens shared governance in the CSU by elevating the voice of lecturers and ability for all unit 3 employees to vote.

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