

**Academic Senate Resolution in Support of the Title 5 “American Institutions” Graduation Requirement for all Undergraduate Degrees at CSU, Fresno and a Commitment to an Equal and Uniform Educational Experience for both Transfer and Native Students
December 5, 2011**

- Whereas** A basic education in American history and American government is the foundation of a liberal arts education; and
- Whereas** The new California State University, Fresno (CSUF) Plan for Excellence developed by the president and endorsed by the Academic Senate of California State University, Fresno (ASCSUF) commits the university to providing all of its students a liberal arts education; and
- Whereas** The Board of Trustees of the California State University voted on June 19, 1961, to maintain the American Institutions (AI) requirement for the California State University that had been mandated by state law as reflected in Title 5, Section 40404 of the California Code¹, for the preceding California State Teachers Colleges; and
- Whereas** In July of 2011 the Board of Trustees of the California State University voted to revise Section 40404 by allowing individual state universities to waive the AI requirements for “high unit” majors as a way to comply with the requirement in SB 1440 that students transferring from the California Community Colleges be able to receive their degree with 60 units of course work even though SB 1440 also exempts “high unit” majors from this requirement²; therefore be it resolved
- Resolved** That the Academic Senate of California State University, Fresno reaffirm its commitment to an equal and uniform undergraduate educational experience by requiring that all transfer students as well as native students meet the American Institutions (AI) requirement through course work or comprehensive examination as established by Title 5, Section 40404; and
- Resolved** That the ASCSUF oppose the approval of any waiver requests of the AI requirement for any undergraduate degree program; and
- Resolved** That the ASCSUF instruct college curriculum committees and university curriculum committee to uphold this academic and civic standard and reject all waiver requests of the AI requirements for any undergraduate degree program; and
- Resolved** That copies of this resolution be distributed to the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees, the ASCSU, the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges, the General Education Committee of CSUF, and Associated Students Incorporated at CSUF.

¹ California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 40404, CSU “American Institutions” Graduation Requirement.

² SB 1440 as codified as Sections 66745-66749 of the California Education Code says “specific high unit majors shall be exempt from this subdivision upon agreement by the Chancellors of the California State University and the California Community Colleges and their respective academic senates.”