



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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March 2, 2015

TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of AS-3197-14/FA: The Need for a Comprehensive California State University Policy On Academic Freedom

PURPOSE: For adoption by the Academic Senate

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At its meeting on March 3, 2015, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to support the attached resolution.



California State University East Bay Academic Senate

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Whereas: the most recent California State University statement on academic freedom dates back to 1971 and

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“a. The teacher is entitled to full freedom in teaching and in the publication of the results, subject to adequate performance of other academic duties; but research for pecuniary return should be upon an understanding with the authorities of the institution.

b. The teacher is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing any subject, but he should be careful not to introduce into his teaching controversial matter which has no relation to his subject.”

is outdated, limited in scope, and does not address the complex nature of academic freedom nor the challenges inherent in the practice of academic freedom; and

Whereas: AS-3197-14/FA¹ reaffirms the principles set forth in the AAUP statement on academic freedom²; therefore be it

Resolved: that the Academic Senate of California State University, East Bay endorse AS-3197-14/FA: The Need for a Comprehensive California State University Policy on Academic Freedom; and be it finally

Resolved: that this resolution be forwarded to the CSU Board of Trustees, Chancellor White, the Academic Senate of the CSU (ASCSU), President Leroy Morishita, and all campus senates of the CSU.

¹ <http://www.calstate.edu/acadsen/Records/Resolutions/2014-2015/documents/3197.shtml>

² <http://www.aaup.org/report/1940-statement-principles-academic-freedom-and-tenure>