Resolution Institutionalizing Budget Transparency and Shared Governance Practices at CSUDH

WHEREAS: Dr. Willie J. Hagan joined the CSUDH family as interim-president on June 11, 2012, determined to transform CSUDH into a “National Laboratory and Model for Student Academic Success” on the basis of shared and collegial governance; and
WHEREAS: Since his arrival, Dr. Hagan has worked tirelessly to improve communication and consultation between university administration and all of the university’s constituents, both on campus and in the community; and
WHEREAS: In the spirit of transparency, Dr. Hagan organized and actively led two unprecedented University Budget Town Hall Meetings (October 15, 2012 and December 4, 2012) during which he provided faculty, students and staff with full and unrestricted access to the budget for the entire university, gave an overview of the fiscal issues facing the campus, and publicized the principles that will guide budget planning under his administration; and
WHEREAS: During the course of the two University Budget Town Hall Meetings, Dr. Hagan advocated for CSUDH student success by making the hiring of new faculty and staff, faculty and staff development, and additional course offerings priorities in the Budget Planning for 2012/2013; and
WHEREAS: The University Budget Town Hall Meetings made public an action plan to allocate $600,000 in support of faculty research and creative activities, to set aside $450,000 for Faculty and Staff Development, and to direct $25,000 for Library Professional Development; and
WHEREAS: Dr. Hagan demonstrated a commitment to “collegial governance” by restructuring the University Budget Committee to include faculty representatives from every college and by giving it the authority to review all funds and recommend strategies for administrative efficiency and revenue enhancement; be it therefore
RESOLVED: That the AS CSUDH commend Dr. Hagan for restoring budget transparency and shared governance, bringing the university into alignment with Board-endorsed guidelines that recommend “participation by the faculty in budgetary matters, particularly those directly affecting the areas for which the faculty has primary responsibility;”1 and be it further
1 “Report of the Board of Trustees’ Ad Hoc Committee on Governance, Collegiality, and Responsibility in the California State University, 1985
RESOLVED: That the AS CSUDH recommend that beginning in Fall 2013, the CSUDH President’s Office in cooperation with the University Budget Committee hold an annual University Budget Town Hall Meeting at the beginning of every Fall semester and if necessary, after the May revise during the following Spring semester. These meetings shall present faculty, students and staff with full and unrestricted access to the budget for the entire university, shall provide a full overview of the fiscal issues facing the campus, and shall publicize the principles and the processes that will guide budget planning; and be it further
RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees, and the Associated Students Incorporated at CSUDH.