RESOLUTION ON MODIFICATION TO THE
BYLAWS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING

WHEREAS, Currently, the Bylaws of the Academic Senate outline procedures for electing members to the Academic Senate, Academic Senate offices, the Academic Senate CSU, and elected committees; and

WHEREAS, Procedures for these elections call for a “double envelope system” (outside envelope signed, inside envelope sealed and containing the voted ballot); and

WHEREAS, Incorporating an option for using electronic voting technology would provide a means for both casting a ballot and counting ballots electronically; and

WHEREAS, The advantages of casting electronic ballots and counting ballots electronically include: (1) the move to a paperless voting system, and (2) the savings of time and materials used in preparing, mailing, and counting paper ballots; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Section III.A of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be modified as follows:
Balloting procedures shall use either an electronic voting system or a shall be by ‘double envelope system’ (outside envelope signed, inside envelope sealed and containing the voted ballot), whichever is more appropriate to the nature of the election and which ensures that only eligible persons will vote and ballots will remain secret;

and be it further

RESOLVED: That Section III.A.5 of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be modified as follows:
Ballots will be counted electronically if electronic voting is used; or if the ‘double envelope system’ is used, ballots will be counted only if they are properly signed and received by the announced closing date. Individual voting information Ballots will be retained for ten working days;

and be it further

RESOLVED: That based on the petition of any candidate or eligible voter, received within ten days from the conclusion of electronic election, the Academic Senate shall judge the validity of any electronic election, and, if found invalid, the election shall be reconducted using the paper ballot system.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: September 21 2010
Revised: October 19 2010
To: Rachel Fernflores
   Chair, Academic Senate

From: Robert Glidden
      Interim President

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-717-10
         Resolution on Modification to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate
         to Allow for Electronic Voting

Date: November 16, 2010

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This memo acknowledges receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.