

## An Open Letter to Timothy White, Chancellor, California State University from Chairs of the Campus Senates

We, the undersigned chairs of California State University campus senates, take seriously our responsibility to uphold shared governance, that joint decision making and consultation between administration and faculty mandated by the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (HEERA). Shared governance, when taken seriously by both administration and faculty, benefits the students we serve.

We denounce the process by which Executive Order 1100 (revised) and Executive Order 1110 were developed and presented to faculty without adequate consultation or true shared governance. All curricular decisions affect students directly, and therefore all curricular decisions must, by nature, lie with the teaching faculty and students; General Education criteria are not exempted from HEERA principles.

We strongly oppose the rigid timelines for both executive orders. To achieve student success, curricular change requires careful and thoughtful planning and implementation. This is precluded when each campus senate is not given the time and flexibility it needs to responsibly complete this work in a manner appropriate to its own shared governance structures and processes.

As of this date, 16 campus senates have joined the Academic Senate of the California State University in passing resolutions regarding Executive Orders 1100 (revised) and 1110: <http://www.csueastbay.edu/faculty/senate/files/docs/senate-committee/17-18/docs/resolutions-regarding-executive-orders.html>

We urge you to take these resolutions seriously and, for the benefit of our students, take seriously your responsibility to shared governance of the California State University.

Sincerely,