

## Prepared remarks for Board of Trustees for March 25, 2010

Good evening President Marks, members of the Board, Chancellor Griffin.

A month ago a draft board resolution was presented to the public with an announcement that it would be considered tonight. The Academic Senate understood that document to be a draft for which you wanted feedback within a month through shared governance.

Now, you often hear about resolutions from the Academic Senate that were voted on at Executive Council, and many people use the term 'Academic Senate' when talking about those elected representatives of the Executive Council. However, the Academic Senate is the body composed of ALL faculty, full time, part time, credit, non credit -- all faculty.

Special Meetings of the Senate may be called by petition of at least 100 members. More than 200 members signed petitions to call a Special Meeting of the Academic Senate to "consider, deliberate, and take actions regarding the [draft] policy resolution" you presented a month ago. I was asked by the petitioners to facilitate.

That meeting was held on Tuesday of this week, at which point we knew that the resolution would not be on your agenda tonight. However, the issues it addressed are of great importance to all of us. We assume that the Board still seeks urgent action concerning the Achievement Gap and Student Equity and still wants responses from the Senate. So I'm here to deliver the Academic Senate Resolution approved by 73% (69 of 95) at the Special Meeting and to ask you to accept its recommendations for future Board resolutions as applicable.

I would like to tell you more about actions that faculty are already taking to address equity issues, such as the curriculum work that the English department has been engaged in, the incorporation of achievement data into program review, and so forth, but there isn't time for that. Instead we are going to read a few portions of the Senate's resolution.

[To stay within time constraints]

Monica Bosson read the first three whereas clauses

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Monica read the last whereas clause

Fred Teti read "Therefore be it resolved... NOT THE LIST

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Fred Teti read the last resolve

Fred added closing remarks: