

Letter in Response to the Resolution for the Senate Statement of No Confidence in President, Interim Provost, and Vice President for Business and Finance

December 8, 2015

To the Academic Senate,

The Student Academic Senators have carefully contemplated the Resolution and have found merit among the claims, in as far as what information has been shared with us. As of now, the undersigned are inclined to vote favorably for the Resolution. But despite the meritorious nature of some of the Resolution's claims, we find that the following sentiments of the Student Academic Senators should be reviewed at length:

We believe that it is an unfair assessment to automatically aggregate all three Administrators in the same Statement of No Confidence;

We believe that an inadequate amount of consideration has been permitted for the Resolution given the nature of how it was submitted to the Academic Senators;

We believe that to promote the very same democratic ideals that are enshrined within this academic institution, each Administrator should be permitted an opportunity to address the allegations being made against them;

We believe that more proof of specific negative experiences and actions should be submitted to the Student Academic Senators to augment the known truths expressed by students to move forward with an action that has significant implications for the future of the Administrators listed:

We believe that the burden of proof falls on those wishing to move the Resolution forward, and until proof of harm to students has been established, the Student Academic Senators struggle to unanimously support what the Resolution calls for; and

We believe that this matter should be addressed with all due deliberation, but in an expedient manner which will permit the campus to return to consideration of subjects of greater importance, such as the academic success of students.

Respectfully Submitted,



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