

Resolution to Support Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Task Force

WHEREAS, The Mission statement of CSUSM declares that “CSUSM provides a range of services that responds to the needs of a student body with diverse backgrounds, expanding student access to an excellent and affordable education,” and CSUSM values “inclusiveness: individual and cultural diversity, and multiple perspectives” (CSUSM Mission, Vision and Values Statement), and two of our strategic priorities include focusing on “campus climate” and “educational equity”; and

WHEREAS, In 2007-2008, the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution Program became law; and

WHEREAS, In Spring 2008 CSUSM applied for and was designated an AANAPISI since it met the criteria set forth under Title III, Part A and Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, namely: 1) that it has an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least 10 percent Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander students, and 2) the majority of students on campus qualify for federal student aid; and

WHEREAS, An AANAPISI designation serves the greater good of the CSUSM community: it allows for the waiver of cost-sharing requirements for the Federal Work Study and the TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Programs, as well as the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Programs authorized by Title VI. Some federal grants, in acknowledging that AANAPISI and other Minority Serving Institutions face special challenges, will also give special preference to faculty/staff/students at AANAPISI-designated institutions; and

WHEREAS, A task force was appointed by the Provost on April 8, 2009, to begin developing a grant proposal in anticipation of a new AANAPISI Program grant cycle in 2009-2010; and

WHEREAS, AANAPISI is distinct from and complementary to other Minority Serving Institution designations (e.g. Hispanic-Serving Institution); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of Cal State University San Marcos acknowledges with pride our AANAPISI designation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of Cal State University San Marcos fully supports the AANAPISI task force in the development and submission of an AANAPISI grant application that will help CSUSM to “increase [its] self-sufficiency by improving academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability” (AANAPISI Grant Program Description, www.ed.gov/programs/aanapicraa/index.html, as of April 13, 2009).