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SS-S11-5, Sense of the Senate Resolution, “Resolution to Urge the Board of Trustees to Delay Consideration of Waivers to the Existing Title 5 ‘American Institutions’ Requirement”

Legislative History: At its meeting of April 18, 2011, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Peter.

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
“RESOLUTION TO URGE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO DELAY
CONSIDERATION OF WAIVERS TO THE EXISTING TITLE 5 ‘AMERICAN
INSTITUTIONS’ REQUIREMENT”**

Whereas, For decades the California State University has maintained a requirement (in Title 5 administrative law) for all CSU graduates to “acquire knowledge and skills that will help them to comprehend the workings of American democracy and of the society in which they live, to enable them to contribute to that society as responsible and constructive citizens” (Title 5 40404); and

Whereas, An informed citizenry is necessary in American democracy, but mounting evidence shows that “most individual voters are abysmally ignorant of even very basic political information”¹; and

Whereas, The passing last Autumn of SB 1440—a measure designed to streamline transfers from the California Comm

