RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ORCID (OPEN RESEARCHER AND CONTRIBUTOR ID) FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) strongly encourage CSU faculty, students, and administrators—whether past, present, or future—to sign up for an ORCID iD and maintain a well-curated and well-integrated ORCID record; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU strongly encourage the Office of the Chancellor and campus Presidents to provide financial support for a CSU-wide and campus ORCID institutional memberships, make robust ORCID integration a procurement standard for software service providers whenever reasonable, commission a system-wide ORCID implementation task force, and commit significant staff development time to build customized ORCID integrations within and across the CSU system; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, CSU campus Senate Executive Committees, CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, CSU campus articulation officers, the California Faculty Association (CFA), California State Student Association (CSSA), Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (ERFSA), Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges, Academic Senate of the University of California, California Community Colleges' Board of Governors, and the University of California Board of Regents.

RATIONALE: ORCID iDs are the leading international standard for researchers to self-identify unambiguously and be connected clearly to our research activities. Like ISBNs for books, ORCID iDs are for researchers a unique, persistent, purely numeric identifier built on an ISO standard (ISNI; ISO 27729:2012). This standard resolves the difficulties inherent in identifying researchers and works based on name alone, given that names can be represented and translated in different ways, can change over time, and can be identical to other persons' names.

ORCID is a non-profit organization sustained by diverse member institutions from around the world. The founding principles of ORCID respect academic self-governance by allowing for complete individual control over the content and privacy of ORCID records. The platform's open numeric keys and open API are fully interoperable across all systems and languages. ORCID iDs are required by many major governmental and non-governmental grant funders and publishers. ORCID iDs are also strongly supported by librarians as a Linked Open Data standard of authority control, name disambiguation, information discovery, and improved publication metrics. ORCID has numerous potential benefits for university faculty, staff, administrators, and students. It can save faculty significant time by automating the reuse and reporting of accurate information about our research activities across authorized platforms, including faculty profiles, expert guides, news feeds, university reports, library databases, institutional repositories, and research information management systems. It provides a central, sustainable hub to recognize and report faculty development activities, including awards, credentials, and certifications. It can automate RTP workflows and provide externally verified records for evaluation committees. A well-curated and connected ORCID record is a vital source for search engine algorithms and thus plays a significant role in faculty scholarly identity management. ORCID serves as a central, public-facing registry of metadata about faculty and student publications and can thus generate university publication statistics. It can help identify faculty research interests and match grant collaborators in and across universities. ORCID supplies an additional data source for institutional research into student retention and graduation paths that does not rely merely upon self-reporting surveys. It provides a persistent means of identifying and staying in contact with alumni and some donors. ORCID records can expedite application processes, whether for student enrollment or for university faculty and administrator employee applications, by automating accurate data entry and supplying publicly transparent and verified information.