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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Fitzgerald  
Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM: Alexander Gonzalez *Alexander Gonzalez*  
President

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Action: FS 06-131/Ex.

Thank you for notification of the Faculty Senate's action regarding FS 06-131 Ex. (Doctorate in Education) taken at its meeting of October 26, 2006.

I am pleased to accept the Senate's recommendation to approve the Doctorate in Education as advanced by the Senate Executive Committee to the Senate.

I accept as well the Senate's recommendation that an Ed.D. budget report be prepared annually at the close of the academic year for presentation to the Senate in the fall semester.

The Senate's recommendation to award an additional .5 WTU for every standard 1.0 WTU associated with faculty participation in the Ed.D. program is not approved. While some variance from the standard might have been entertained (I understand that the Provost pledged to support a per-course WTU allocation of 4.5 were the Senate so to have recommended), the recommendation in its present form is fiscally imprudent. It would constrain the ability of the Dean of the College of Education to respond to the needs of departments most affected by participation in the program, limit the program's ability to address more general financial challenges that might arise (e.g., an unanticipated enrollment shortfall), and create potentially non-standard WTU allocations without well-defined commensurate individual responsibilities in the areas of both instruction and program direction. The general issue of WTU allocation for CSU Ed.D. programs now occupies attention at the system level and at WASC as some degree of standardization across campuses is considered. I await the outcome of that consideration.

I look forward to watching our University's Doctorate in Education become one of the best in the state.

Thank you for your attention.

AG/leo

c. Joseph Sheley, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs  
David Wagner, Vice President for Human Resources