

1                   **Resolution on Campus Definition of Community Engagement**

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3       Whereas community engagement is central to Sacramento State’s identity and culture as  
4       an engaged campus dedicated to making a difference beyond the classroom; and

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6       Whereas our colleges and departments are committed to infusing community engagement  
7       into many of our curricular and co-curricular opportunities for students; and

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9       Whereas our centers and institutes partner with our broader community to promote  
10       cultural and economic growth and innovation in the Sacramento region; and

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12       Whereas our campus continuously strives to meet our high standards for equitable,  
13       reciprocal, and mutually beneficial engagement; and

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15       Whereas, because of our collective efforts, our campus earned the prestigious elective  
16       classification for community engagement from the Carnegie Foundation in 2010, 2015,  
17       and 2020; and

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19       Whereas, in the current re-classification cycle, we have revisited our definition of  
20       community engagement, which currently is identical to the Carnegie Foundation’s  
21       definition, to make it our own; and

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23       Whereas, our revised definition is the product of an ongoing collaborative process  
24       including review by the Carnegie Re-Classification for Community Engagement Steering  
25       Committee, the Anchor University Advisory Committee, the Community Engagement  
26       Center, the Division of Inclusive Excellence, and the President’s Office; and

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28       Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate for Sacramento State also hereby endorses the  
29       following revised definition of community engagement for our campus:

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31       At Sacramento State, community engagement refers to reciprocal and collaborative  
32       partnerships between our university and diverse communities at local, regional, national,  
33       and global levels for the mutually beneficial, equitable, and inclusive exchange of  
34       knowledge and resources. The purpose of community engagement at Sacramento State is  
35       to enhance teaching and learning; to enrich scholarly and creative activity; to prepare  
36       educated, engaged community members; to strengthen democratic values and civic  
37       responsibility; to identify and respond to critical societal needs; and to advance social  
38       justice and contribute to the public good.

39       Community engagement at Sacramento State is guided by the following core values:

- 40       • **Reciprocal Partnerships:** We prioritize reciprocal partnerships characterized by  
41       mutual respect and shared decision-making. These partnerships strive for co-  
42       creation and co-learning and recognize the unique contributions and perspectives  
43       of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members.  
44       • **Advancement of Social Justice and the Public Good:** Our engagement efforts  
45       seek to address critical social issues and contribute to the common good of  
46       society. By leveraging the collective resources and expertise of our university and  
47       community partners, we work towards promoting equity, justice, and inclusive  
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- **Equity-Oriented Collaboration:** We are committed to fostering fair, equitable, and inclusive collaborations that distribute benefits and burdens equitably among all participants and thus reject activities that are exploitative and/or extractive. This commitment to equity also includes ensuring equal access to high-impact engagement opportunities for students, recognizing and valuing the community-engaged work of faculty and staff, and addressing the unique needs, contributions, and perspectives of historically underserved communities and communities of color.
  - **Caring Interdependence:** We acknowledge the interdependence between our university and broader communities, recognizing that both are essential for the well-being and vitality of our region. Our engagements are characterized by respect, care, and sensitivity towards our shared history, cultural diversity, power dynamics, and mutual reliance on one another for collective success.

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63 We are committed to integrating community engagement into every aspect of Sacramento

64 State’s mission and operations. University-community partnerships that exemplify the

65 abovementioned values are the responsibility and privilege of our entire campus

66 community.

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