Resolution Endorsing Project Rebound

WHEREAS: Individuals who have been incarcerated are often trapped in a pattern of recidivism; and

WHEREAS: Research has shown that a university education is a very successful way to avoid recidivism and improve the lives of former inmates; and

WHEREAS: Project Rebound encourages formerly incarcerated individuals to pursue a CSU education, providing mentoring, financial support, and legal counsel; and

WHEREAS: Project Rebound was begun at San Francisco State University, where it achieved a 90% graduation rate among former inmates; and

WHEREAS: Project Rebound has been expanded as a pilot program to seven CSU campuses, including CSUSB under the leadership of Professors Annika Anderson and Carolyn Eggleston; and

WHEREAS: Formerly incarcerated individuals are already pursuing CSUSB degrees, and outreach efforts have led to expressions of interest from additional students; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the CSUSB Faculty Senate recognizes Project Rebound as a valuable mechanism for reintegrating formerly incarcerated individuals into society; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate supports the continuation of Project Rebound; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate commends Professors Anderson and Eggleston for their leadership in bringing Project Rebound to CSU; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate send copies of this resolution to Chancellor White, Executive Vice Chancellor Blanchard, the Board of Trustees, the Academic Senate of the CSU, the Chairs of all CSU campus Senates, Chair Ellen Weisser of the CSU Philanthropic Foundation, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Approved by the CSUSB Faculty Senate, unanimously

Karen Kolehmainen, Chair

4/11/17

Date