

**Connecticut State University American Association of University Professors  
and  
The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System**

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT REGARDING  
DISTANCE LEARNING STANDING STUDY COMMITTEE**

As a result of the recent collective bargaining negotiations that resulted in a successor collective bargaining agreement effective August 25, 2007, the parties agree to appoint a Standing Committee to study and compose periodic reports and recommendations to the Chancellor of CSUS and the President of CSU-AAUP regarding Distance Learning as provided for in Article 10.15 of the successor collective bargaining agreement noted above.

1. The Committee shall consist of eight (8) individuals: four (4) tenured members of CSU-AAUP at the rank of Associate Professor or above, one from each of the universities, appointed by the President of CSU-AAUP and four (4) academic officers at the rank of Dean or above, one from each of the universities, appointed by the Chancellor of CSUS. In addition, one staff member from the Office of the Chancellor and a representative of CSU-AAUP shall participate as members of the committee.
2. The Committee shall be appointed no later than February 15, 2007.
3. The Committee shall review and compose a report, in consultation with appropriate constituencies of the four universities, on the following:
  - a. The operation of Distance Learning initiatives;
  - b. The administration of technology resources related to Distance Learning;
  - c. The support provided to faculty and students;
  - d. Efforts to ensure the enhancement, expansion, utilization, and provision of high quality programs for students; and
  - e. The use of Distance Learning in the furtherance of the respective university and system missions.
4. The Committee shall have the opportunity to review and comment upon the effectiveness of Distance Learning initiatives, recommending appropriate operational and qualitative enhancement/improvements, and providing useful information to facilitate the effective administration of the program.
5. The Chancellor of CSUS and the President of CSU-AAUP or their respective designees shall receive periodic reports and make appropriate individual or collective adjustments, if necessary.
6. The reports are intended to be informational only and hold no independent contractual authority. The parties agree that any operational or contractual alterations arising from this committee's efforts will be reduced to writing and executed pursuant to a subsequent Letter of Agreement.

<u>                  s/David Trainor                  </u>	<u>                  1/11/07                  </u>	<u>                  s/Vijay Nair                  </u>	<u>                  1/11/07                  </u>
For the Board of Trustees	Date	For CSU-AAUP	Date