

**Resolution Endorsing a Letter of Support for the Nomination of  
Provost and Vice President Harry Hellenbrand  
for the William M. Plater Award for Leadership in Civic Engagement  
(Approved by the Faculty Senate, November 21, 2013)**

The Faculty Senate of California State University, Northridge endorses the attached letter of support for the nomination of Provost and Vice President Harry Hellenbrand for the William M. Plater Award for Leadership in Civic Engagement and applauds his accomplishments in support of higher education initiatives.

*Passed by the Senate Executive Committee, via email vote on November 18, 2013, to go forward to the Faculty Senate.*

November 15, 2013

George L. Mehaffy  
Vice President, Academic Leadership and Change  
American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)  
1307 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20005-4701

Dear Dr. Mehaffy,

It is with sincere pleasure that the Faculty Senate of California State University, Northridge (CSUN) endorses the nomination of Dr. Harry Hellenbrand, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, for the William M. Plater Award for Leadership in Civic Engagement. Provost Hellenbrand is an extraordinary leader and advocate for academic affairs, both on the CSUN campus and within the 23-campus California State University (CSU) system. Harry has advanced CSUN's civic mission through curricular reform, faculty recruitment and development, public advocacy, building partnerships with community organizations, and doubling the amount of funded research on the campus.

The Faculty Senate notes that the William M. Plater Award is given in recognition of "exemplary leadership in advancing the civic learning of undergraduates through programs and activities that encourage greater knowledge, skills, experiences and reflection about the role of citizens in a democracy." Without question, Harry Hellenbrand has demonstrated a deeply committed and extraordinary pattern of leadership in each of these areas. Indeed, Dr. Hellenbrand's sustained personal leadership has directly advanced the civic learning of our undergraduate students in a number of profound and innovative ways.

Provost Harry Hellenbrand has worked tirelessly, passionately and successfully to advance the civic mission of California State University, Northridge. We are certain that Dr. Hellenbrand's accomplishments make him an ideal candidate for the William M. Plater Award, and the Faculty Senate enthusiastically endorses his nomination.

Sincerely,

Steven G. Stepanek  
Faculty President  
Professor of Computer Science