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Dear President Conoley,

We are pleased to inform you that the requested materials submitted for the authorization of the Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC) have met the provisions articulated under EO 1103 to demonstrate good standing for the expedited approval of prior established, permanently structured systemwide or multi-campus centers, consortia, councils, programs, institutes, or affinity groups. We encourage the SSRIC to include the recently submitted materials as part of the permanent record of the articles of organization and governance for the Council.

Accordingly, SSRIC is authorized to conduct operations as articulated under EO 1103. As indicated in EO 1103, systemwide multi-campus centers, consortia, councils, programs, institutes, or affinity groups may be suspended or dissolved by the Chancellor. A campus President or designee may suspend or dissolve their campus' participation in SSRIC and the Council shall adopt policies to support a consultative process in support of such action.

This authorization is for 5 years, effective immediately, and will expire April 1, 2021. For SSRIC to be reauthorized by the Chancellor or designee beyond this date, it must remain in good standing by meeting the requirements of EO 1103. As part of the reauthorization process, we require that SSRIC submit an updated 5-year strategic plan for review. Reauthorization is contingent upon the approval of the submitted plan. We suggest that you submit the revised strategic plan on or before November 1, 2020. The Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research in the Chancellor's Office will act as your liaison for reauthorization and will send you a reminder as the time draws nearer for the plan submission.

As the responsible lead President, and in accordance with policy of the California State University, you have the responsibility for implementing the executive order and ensuring that the Council complies with all applicable rules and regulations. As an approved systemwide multi-campus center, consortium, institute, program, council or affinity group, SSRIC is required to submit an annual report within 90 days of the end of each fiscal year. The first annual report will be due September 30, 2016. The report shall include financials, activities, achievements, and progress toward meeting goals and objectives. The annual report shall be sent to campus Presidents whose students, staff, faculty and/or administrators are involved in the Council. The report shall also be submitted to the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research.

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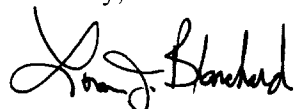
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It gives me great pleasure to formally authorize SSRIC as a sanctioned entity representing CSU interests and resources in the social sciences. I look forward to hearing about the Council's accomplishments and its immediate and long-term impacts in assisting students and faculty in their learning, teaching, and research in the social sciences. In particular, I am keen to learn about the added value of having a systemwide council in the social sciences and how the depth and breadth of the resources offered by SSRIC can be leveraged to promote the acquisition of external resources through multi-campus collaborations to improve faculty and student research output, and to improve the extent and effectiveness of student training.

Sincerely,



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