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TO: The San José State University Community

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SUBJECT: **Presidential Directive 89-03:-Bicycle and Skateboard Safety**

History:

This Presidential Directive has been developed in response to the coded memorandum BA 88-06 from Vice-Chancellor of Business Affairs, D. Date Hanner, reference Bicycle and Skateboard Safety on Campus. In this memo, Vice Chancellor Manner requested that all campuses review bicycle and skateboard policies and practices and take action to reduce the inherent potential dangers associated with the use of bicycles and skateboards on campus.

Several SJSU campus committees have reviewed this topic. The Campus Safety Committee studied the issue and made recommendations. The matter was then referred to the Campus Planning Committee of the Academic Senate for further consideration. The Campus Planning Committee reviewed the matter and made policy recommendations, after which the matter was referred to the Financial and Student Affairs Committee, which made additional recommendations. I then referred the matter to the SJSU Director of Public Safety, for his recommendations.

The following Presidential Directive is essentially the policy recommended by the Campus Planning Committee with some modifications suggested by others.

Purpose:

The purposes of this presidential directive are to reduce the risk of injury to pedestrians that bicycles and skateboards pose and to reduce the risk of injury to persons riding skateboards in areas not intended for that purpose. It is not intended to limit or discourage the use of bicycles or other alternative means of transportation-to travel to and from campus. However, once the rider has the bicycle or other alternative transportation vehicle on the campus, it must be regulated. The University does not permit automobile traffic to operate unregulated on the campus and it cannot allow bicycles and skateboards to operate at will on campus.

I. Definitions

The vehicles being restricted are bicycles, unicycles, skateboards, and roller skates.

II. Speed:

Speed of these vehicles shall be safe and prudent at all times.

II: Vehicle Restriction Areas:

This section is effective 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Skateboards and roller skates may not be ridden on the San José State University campus.

Bicycles and unicycles shall not be permitted to travel on campus except for those areas indicated below. EXCEPTION: This restriction is not to include any wheeled device specified for use by the disabled, nor is it to include vehicles necessary to campus operations.

Bicycles and unicycles cannot be parked in any but designated areas. Bicycles and unicycles are not permitted in buildings; a bicycle that might block an exit to a building or office could cause serious injury to a visually impaired person or create problems in an emergency situation. The University Police are empowered to impound any bicycles parked in other than designated bicycle parking racks.

IV. Vehicle Use Areas:

Bicycles and unicycles may be used on the following streets (within a prescribed bicycle lane when this is provided): 4th Street, 7th Street except between Clark Library and Engineering, 9th Street, 10th Street, San Carlos Street, San Salvador Street and San Fernando Street, 5th Street south of San Carlos Street, 8th Street between San Salvador Street and San Carlos Street. (See attached map.)

V. Walking with vehicles:

Walking with any of the vehicles described above is permitted throughout the campus.

VI. Enabling Clause:

These restrictions will not take effect until appropriate signs are posted and sufficient bicycle racks are provided as determined by the University Police Department.

These regulations will be enforced in accordance with California Vehicle Code Section 21113(a).