At its meeting of October 28, 2002, the Academic Senate passed the following Policy Recommendation presented by Stephen Branz for the University Library Board.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION
MODIFICATION TO SJSU LIBRARY POLICY F98-5, SEC. 3.2.4 and 3.3.2
REGARDING EATING AND DRINKING IN THE LIBRARY

Whereas, the covered drink pilot project (S02-2) has been deemed a complete success by SJSU library personnel in terms of responsible student behavior,

Whereas, the student community has welcomed the policy change,

Whereas, the University Library will soon be offering combined services with the San Jose Public Library in the new facility,

Whereas, there will be a coffee shop in the new King Library,

Whereas, the culture of our times is one in which quality bookstores allow eating and drinking on their premises,

Whereas, many students’ time for library research and studying is limited because of course load, family and/or work demands so as to be disadvantaged if they must exit the library to eat,

Whereas, the San Jose Public Library currently allows limited eating and covered drinks in the library,

Whereas, many other university libraries now have covered drinks and limited eating policies; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the current covered drink pilot project in the Clark Library be extended through May 30, 2003,
Resolved, that food and drink policies in the new King Library will be determined by the Dean of the University Library, in consultation with the library staff and the University Library Board, and the Director of the San Jose Public Library,

Resolved, that University Policy F98-5 section 3.2.4 be amended to read: “3.2.4 – surroundings free from tobacco smoke, food, beverages, carelessly discarded waste materials, and resulting problems, most notably infestation by insects and vermin,”

Resolved, that University Policy F98-5 be further amended by deleting section “3.3.2. – Bringing food or beverages into the library public service areas, study areas, and book stacks.”

Vote: 11–0–0

Present: Stephen Branz (chair), Patricia Breivik, Ji-Mei Chang, Michael Gorman, Arvinder Loomba, Annette Nellen, Shirley Reekie, Bernice Redfern, Andrew Wood, Blanche Woolls, Diana Wu

Absent: Jim Freeman, Paul Kauppila, Maribel Martinez

Financial Impact: none anticipated

ACTION BY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved by President Robert Caret on 10-30-02