At its meeting of May 7, 2007, the Academic Senate passed the following Policy Recommendation presented by Senator Hebert for the Organization and Government Committee.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION
DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Rescinds S01-4

Whereas: Assessment has become integral to the instruction and curricular plans for the individual majors on campus; and

Whereas: The Board of General Studies is directed by Senate Policy S05-8 to continue to monitor the effectiveness of General Education Guidelines and conduct a complete review in 2010-2011; and

Whereas: Each College at SJSU has an assessment coordinator who serves as liaison from the college to the Director of Assessment: and

Whereas: The work necessary to implement a major initiative such as assessment has been completed: therefore be it

Resolved: that SO1-4 be rescinded; be it further

Resolved: that the Assessment Committee, an operating committee of the Senate be dissolved; and be it further

Resolved: that the Sense of the Senate Resolution SS-S01-4 ‘Regarding Recommended Safeguards around issues of Assessment’ be retained as expressing the sentiment of the Senate; and be it further

Resolved: that the Senate acknowledges and thanks the current and former members of the Assessment Committee for their contribution of time and energy to the necessary but usually unheralded and often ignored task of faculty governance.

Approved: April 30, 2007
Vote: 6-0-0
Present: Hebert (chair), Parsons, Antazo, Backer, Kahanov, Reade, Backer (scribe)
Absent: Norton (non-voting), Hooper, Selter, Hilliard
Rationale
Since S01-4 was approved in February 2001, there have been many changes related to assessment at SJSU. There are now college liaisons on assessment who work with the Department of Assessment in providing input and direction to the departments on the development of their assessment plans. In addition, there has been an increased emphasis on outcomes assessment of the majors on campus and in General Education. Therefore, many of the tasks granted to the Assessment Committee in S01-4 are now being completed by other entities on campus.

Financial Impact: None

Workload impact: Reduction of workload for Assessment Committee members.

ACTION BY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved by President Don Kassing on May 9, 2007