At its meeting of March 2, 1998, the Academic Senate approved the following Senate Management Resolution presented by James Brent for the Organization and Government Committee.

SENATE MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION
DISSOLUTION OF THE OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR COMMITTEE AND
MODIFICATION OF THE CHARGE OF THE
IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Modifies A.S. #86 (dated 10/16/78) and any previous policies regarding the Improvement of Instruction Committee.

Whereas, The number of full-time faculty members eligible to serve on university committees has decreased in recent years, and

Whereas, At least one additional operating committee, an Assessment Committee, will soon be formed, and

Whereas, The work of the Outstanding Professor and Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee is not particularly onerous, having met only three times in the 1996-97 academic year, and

Whereas, The Outstanding Professor award is designed to honor exemplary performance in teaching as recognized by students and faculty alike, and

Whereas, Because it is involved with issues related to instruction and contains significant student representation, the Improvement of Instruction Committee should have special insight into what constitutes an “outstanding” professor, therefore be it

Resolved: That the Outstanding Professor and Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee be dissolved at the end of the 1997-98 Academic year, after the Chair submits a final annual report; be it further

Resolved: That the charge of the Improvement of Instruction Committee be modified as follows:

Improvement of Instruction Committee – Studies institutional policies, practices, and procedures, including teaching, examination, grading, and use of instructional equipment and
facilities, and recommends needed changes. Develops and recommends proposals to improve instruction; encourages studies and activities by faculty, students, and administration to improve instruction. Reviews and evaluates the criteria and procedures for selection of recipients of the SJSU Outstanding Professor Award; conducts search for candidates for this award and recommends nominations to the president.