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At its meeting of October 23, 2000, the SJSU Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Tim Hegstrom for the Academic Senate.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
Opposition of Proposition 38:
(School Vouchers, State-Funded Private and Religious Education,
Public School Funding.)

- Whereas: The Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU), and the Academic Senate of San José State University (ASSJSU), representing the faculty of a public educational institution, are strongly committed to the concept of a viable system of public education.
- Whereas: Proposition 38 would significantly alter the present system of financing K-14 education, resulting in large initial costs to the state educational budget with no clear accountability to the people of California; and
- Whereas: Both the initial increased costs and uncertain outcomes make it highly imprudent to initiate such sweeping changes on a statewide level; and
- Whereas: Proposition 38 would impose significant new restrictions on the ability of state and local governments to adopt new laws and regulations affecting private schools; and
- Whereas: The ability of private schools under Proposition 38 to restrict admissions “on the basis of ability or disability” will make it likely, according to the legislative analyst that the responsibility for educating higher-cost pupils will disproportionately fall upon local school districts, thus significantly increasing average per-pupil costs to public schools: and
- Whereas: Passage of Proposition 38 would signify a decrease in the states’ commitment to the long established principle of support for public education.
- Resolution: The Academic Senate of San José State University join the Academic Senate of the California State University in opposing passage of Proposition 38 (State-Funded School Vouchers for Private and Religious Education).