

At its meeting of November 20, 2000 the SJSU Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Annette Nellen for the Executive Committee.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION

REGARDING YEAR ROUND OPERATIONS AT SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS:	Issues raised by converting to Year Round Operations (YRO) exist in a wide range of important and complex areas and have serious financial consequences.
WHEREAS:	YRO presents an opportunity for SJSU to make improvements to best serve the campus if implemented in a manner that begins by developing a vision for what YRO at SJSU should look like to best serve the interests of the SJSU community.
WHEREAS:	SJSU has not reached its Master Plan capacity which allows us an opportunity to manage the conversion in the most effective way possible for the campus and for the system as a whole.
WHEREAS:	If recommendations, approaches, policy, and processes to convert to YRO are not done thoughtfully, moving to YRO could create more problems than it solves and miss an opportunity to make improvements for the campus.
WHEREAS:	In Fall 2000, the Provost, with input from the Senate Executive Committee, formed a Planning Council to address major

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	<p>planning issues that confront the campus and that is to provide a formal process for developing a long-range campus plan. The Planning Council presently consists of the Provost, Executive Assistant to the President, VP for Administration, VP for Student Affairs, VP for University Advancement, Academic Senate Chair, Council of Chair's Chair, Campus Planning Board Chair, Associated Students President, College of Engineering Dean, and College of Science Dean. The Council also has a Consultative Group to provide information and advice.</p>
<p>WHEREAS:</p>	<p>The campus would benefit from thoughtful planning by a group, such as the Planning Council, that is responsible for long-term planning for the campus; now therefore be it</p>
<p>RESOLVED:</p>	<p>That SJSU's President and staff work with the Chancellor's Office and the SJSU Academic Senate to develop a YRO plan and implementation timeline for the campus and to communicate the financial implications to all University Divisions, faculty, staff, and students.</p>
<p>RESOLVED:</p>	<p>That the Academic Senate strongly urges the Planning Council to take on the project of creating the vision of what an effective YRO program would look like for SJSU. That the Council obtain input from currently constituted task forces and other constituencies (such as by holding focus group meetings) and review how other campuses and universities handle YRO. That the Council work with the Academic Senate, Associated Students Board of Directors, Council of Deans and the SJSU Chapters of the California State Employees Association (CSEA) and the California Faculty Association (CFA) to keep them informed of the Council's work and to seek their input and approval for matters within their purview.</p>
<p>RESOLVED:</p>	<p>That the Planning Council report to the Executive Committee by December 11, 2000 if they will agree to take on this project and if they do, what their timeframe will likely be and how the Academic Senate can assist them in their work.</p>
<p>RESOLVED:</p>	<p>That this resolution be delivered to the members of the Planning Council and its Consultative Group by November 22, 2000.</p>