At its meeting of October 28, 2002, the SJSU Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Pam Stacks for the Executive Committee.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING SENATE SPONSORSHIP OF FORUMS
ON THE BUDGET AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Whereas, the state budget situation is extremely dire, raising concerns on campus about funding for the university’s academic programs; and

Whereas, budgetary matters are extremely complex, and steps should be undertaken to educate the university community about the causes and consequences of the current budget crisis; and

Whereas, Senate Standing Rule 15 requires that the Senate endorse a Sense of the Senate resolution before the Senate can sponsor or co-sponsor a forum; and

Whereas, a budgetary forum by the Provost would meet the requirements that the purpose of Senate-sponsored forums should be “educational enhancement and/or the promotion of intellectual discussion, consistent with the Mission and Goals of the University” and should be “of special interest or concern to the campus community” be it therefore

Resolved, that during the Fall 2002 and early Spring 2003 semesters, the Academic Senate sponsor forums featuring Provost Goodman, in which the Provost will discuss the Academic Affairs budget and answer questions on the same topic.