At its meeting of November 22, 2004, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Donoho for the Executive Committee.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
TO CO-SPONSOR A FORUM ON SHARED VALUES AS AN INITIAL STEP IN STRATEGIC PLANNING

Whereas, the Senate may, under Standing Rule 15 and upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, sponsor or co-sponsor forums on issues of interest to the campus community; and

Whereas, the Senate has worked to help the university begin a strategic planning process that will enable the university to identify priorities, to align resource allocation with these priorities, and to engage in effective planning, and

Whereas, the President and the Senate have taken actions to create a structure for strategic planning, including the creation of the Resource Planning Board in February 2004 (S04-1 and S04-11), the Fall Senate Retreat and discussions in the Executive Committee, and

Whereas, the President created a new position - Assistant to the President for Institutional Planning, to facilitate strategic planning with that person working with the President's Council and Senate Chair and Vice Chair in establishing a structure for strategic planning to begin, and

Whereas, a policy will come before the Senate at its December 6, 2004 meeting on the structure for a strategic planning process that includes the Resource Planning Board and the Senate, and

Whereas, the President, Assistant to the President for Institutional Planning, and Senate Executive Committee would like to have a conversation among faculty, staff and administrators to identify shared values as a starting point for new goal setting committees that are part of a strategic planning effort which will formally begin in December 2004; and

Whereas, the results of the forum will inform an activity to create a vision for the campus, and
Whereas, The Senate and the President commit to ensuring that the forum is a starting point for continued development of a set of shared values that will shape the strategic planning process; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Academic Senate co-sponsor with the Office of the President, a forum on shared values (core beliefs) as the beginning of a strategic planning process to help shape our future direction to be held on Thursday, December 9, 2004, from noon – 1:30 p.m.

Vote: 13-0-0
Absent: Donoho, Lee
Financial Impact: The Office of the President will cover all costs of the forum.