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SS-F04-6

At its meeting of December 6, 2004, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senators Heisch and Veregge for the Executive Committee.

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
REQUESTING INTERIM PRESIDENT KASSING
TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A PLAN
TO REDUCE THE DIA'S DEPENDENCE ON THE GENERAL FUND**

- Whereas, The Senate has considered the issue of athletics spending numerous times over the past two decades and passed resolutions (including SS-S04-04, SS-S93-12 and SS-S82-7), regarding athletics and financing of the program; and,
- Whereas, Interim President Crowley in his letter to the Academic Senate dated April 16 2004, supported a reduction of General Fund support for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA) over a few years as well as to lower the General Fund component of the DIA budget; and,
- Whereas, In SS-S04-06 the Academic Senate called upon then incoming President Yu to create a task force to “explore the issues and opportunities that presently exist with the San José State University (SJSU) Athletics program, [to determine] what type of program would provide an appropriate and desired level of campus spirit and support, and what type of program would provide a sense of pride throughout the SJSU community. Thorough evaluation and analysis of different types of programs, at different divisional levels, should be considered. The impact of changes to all parts of the campus should also be explored;” and,
- Whereas, Interim President Kassing, as a member of the Executive Committee in Spring 2004 participated in the unanimous vote that supported SS-S04-06; and
- Whereas, Interim President Kassing has indicated, in an interview with the *Mercury News*,¹ and by the composition of the search committee he formed for a new Athletics Director, that he plans for SJSU to remain in the Western Athletics Conference (WAC), and
- Whereas, Interim President Kassing has indicated to the Senate Executive Committee and in a recent *Mercury News* interview, interest in working with the Senate in addressing DIA financing; and
- Whereas, There has been no detailed communication to the Senate about any ongoing

¹ Mark Gomez, “Support in high place,” *Mercury News*, 11/13/04.

efforts to address the DIA financial problems, although there has been, subsequent to the passage of SS-S04-6, a loss of about \$500,000 on the football game against Morgan State, further highlighting the financial challenges in the DIA,

Resolved, That the Academic Senate calls upon Interim President Kassing to work with the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate to form, as soon as possible, a Task Force to develop a set of priorities to guide the DIA as it achieves a budget with an allocation from the General Fund not exceeding 2.0% by Academic Year 2007/2008.

Resolved, That membership of the Task Force will be determined by Interim President Kassing in consultation with the Executive Committee.

Resolved, The Task Force shall begin its study and evaluation such that an interim report can be given to the Executive Committee in May 2005;

Resolved, The Task Force will report its findings to the Academic Senate in Fall 2005.

Vote: 13-0-0

Present: Phillips, Nellen, Veregge, Kassing, Heisch, Van Selst, Ashton, Lee,
Greathouse, Thames, Donoho, Maldonado-Colon, Lessow-Hurley

Absent: Bros, Sigler

Financial Impact: None