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At its meeting of December 4, 2006, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Veregge for the Executive Committee.

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
HONORING AND THANKING DR. KHALED HOSSEINI**

- WHEREAS, Dr. Khaled Hosseini was born in Afghanistan and came to the United States with his family in 1980, settling in San Jose; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Hosseini's first novel, *The Kite Runner*, published in 2003, became a worldwide bestseller; and
- WHEREAS, *The Kite Runner* received the Alex Award in 2004 from the American Library Association as an outstanding adult book that will also appeal to younger readers; and
- WHEREAS, *The Kite Runner* is a well-told story that enables readers to also gain an understanding of the culture, geography and history of Afghanistan, as well as the immigrant experience in California; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Hosseini artfully depicts the characters, locations and events in the story such that it makes readers feel that they are actually there; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Hosseini has Amir, the narrator of the story, attend San José State University, making Amir the first major fictional character to attend this university; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Hosseini will be on campus on March 7 and 8, 2007 as part of the SJSU Center for Literary Art's Major Authors series; and
- WHEREAS, *The Kite Runner* was selected as the campus book for 2006 by the SJSU Campus Reading Program and has been widely read and discussed by thousands of SJSU students and employees; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Hosseini has generously allowed SJSU Professor Matthew Spangler to write a stage adaptation of *The Kite Runner* to be performed by students in the SJSU Theater Arts program in February and March 2007; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That we recognize and thank Dr. Hosseini for his literary achievement and contribution to the fine arts through *The Kite Runner*; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That we look forward to his continuing contributions to the world of literature.
- Approved: November 20, 2006
- Present: Bros, Lessow-Hurley, Sigler, David, Hebert, Meldal, Veregge, McClory,
Phillips, Thames, Kassing, Van Selst
- Absent: Najjar, Gutierrez, Lee
- Vote: 12-0-0
- Financial Impact: None