SS-F09-1, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Preservation of Core Academic Activities

Legislative History: At its meeting of September 21, 2009, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Gleixner for the Executive Committee.

Sense of the Senate Resolution
Preservation of Core Academic Activities

Whereas: The current budget crisis has placed extraordinary pressure on the university to significantly reduce class offerings and limit enrollment; and

Whereas: Such pressures will be felt in both academic and non-academic activities of the university; and

Whereas: The quality of education offered to students arises from academic endeavors inside and outside classrooms and laboratories – it relies on factors such as faculty engagement in curriculum development, research and professional development, student advising and participation in student life; and

Whereas: The quality of education offered to the students is critically dependent on the continued and continuous scholarly and professional development of the faculty; and

Whereas: Engagement in professional activities is in itself a long-term enterprise fundamental to the university that cannot be sacrificed; and

Whereas: The Academic Affairs division is responsible for ensuring the full breadth of academic activities at the university; therefore be it

Resolved: That the San José State University Academic Senate deplores the cutting of the RSCA funds by the CSU system, and be it further

Resolved: That the San José State University Academic Senate encourage the Provost/VP for Academic Affairs to continue support for the fundamental components of university success and educational quality.

Approved: September 14, 2009
Vote: 13-0-0
Absent: Backer, Whitmore