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**SS-F11-2, Sense of the Senate Resolution, In Support of Rights to Peaceable Assembly**

**Legislative History:** At its meeting of December 5, 2011, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Chair Von Till for the Executive Committee.

**Sense of the Senate Resolution  
In Support of Rights to Peaceable Assembly**

Whereas the First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right to peaceable assembly, and

Whereas the Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students adopted by the American Association of University Professors, the American Association of University Administrators, the United States Student Association and the Association of American Colleges and Universities recognizes that “Academic institutions exist for the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, the development of students and the general well-being of society,” and

Whereas the same document affirms that “Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the attainment of these goals,” therefore be it

Resolved that the San José State University Academic Senate condemn the actions taken by the police at the University of California, Davis on November 18 and at the University of California, Berkeley on November 9, and be it further

Resolved that as representatives of a student-centered institution of higher education, the San José State University Academic Senate reaffirm San José State University’s commitment to free and open discourse that encourages critical interrogation of all forms of authority, and be it further

Resolved that this statement be distributed to all chancellors in the University of California system, campus presidents in the California State University system, the Regents of the University of California, the Board of Trustees of the California State University, and the Academic Senate of the California State University.

Approved: November 28, 2011  
Vote: 14-0-0  
Present: Qayoumi, Von Till, Kaufman, Heiden, Bros-Seemann, McClory,  
Ng, Bibb, Bussani, Selter, Gleixner, Sabalius, Kimbarow, Nance  
Absent: Kolodziejak  
Financial Impact: N/A  
Workload Impact: N/A