SS-F12-4, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Commending Associated Students on the 2012 Campus-Wide Voter Registration Drive

Legislative History: At its meeting of November 19, 2012, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by the Executive Committee.

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WHEREAS, the 1998 Higher Education Act requires that higher education institutions "make a good faith effort to distribute a mail voter registration form, requested, and received from the State, to each student enrolled in a degree or certificate program and physically in attendance at the institution, and to make such forms widely available to students at the institution" and

WHEREAS, the mission of the California State University is "to prepare significant numbers of educated, responsible people to contribute to California's schools, economy, culture, and future; to prepare students for an international, multi-cultural society; [and] to provide public services that enrich the university and its communities;" and

WHEREAS, the mission of San José State University is "to enrich the lives of its students, to transmit knowledge to its students along with the necessary skills for applying it in the service of our society, and to expand the base of knowledge through research and scholarship;" and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of San José State University is to develop "responsible citizenship and an understanding of ethical choices inherent in human development," and
WHEREAS, Associated Students of SJSU was supported in SS-FO6-1 for its 2006 Campus-Wide voter registration drive and has a history of supporting the election process and voter education, and

WHEREAS, SJSU AS organized a successful and dynamic “This is Why I vote” campaign to register voters and encourage voter turn out, and

WHEREAS, SJSU AS registered 601 students by paper applications and 344 students online via TurboVote for a total of 945, and

WHEREAS, several important measures relating to funding for public education were on the November 6, 2012 ballot; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate recognize and applaud the leadership and members of the Associated Students of San José State University for an effective campaign and a job well done.