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**SS-F13-4, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Legislation to
Ensure Continuous Faculty Trustee Presence on the
California State University Board of Trustees**

Legislative History: At its meeting of November 18, 2013, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Van Selst for the Executive Committee.

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
LEGISLATION TO ENSURE CONTINUOUS FACULTY TRUSTEE
PRESENCE ON THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS The SJSU Academic Senate passed and forwarded a Sense of the Senate Resolution, SS-F13-2, on October 14, 2013 citing serious concern that the CSU Board of Trustees is, for the second time in four years, without benefit of a Faculty Trustee; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of San José State University supports the ASCSU in seeking state legislation that ensures the continuous appointment of a Faculty Trustee on the CSU Board of Trustees; and be it further

RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be distributed to:

- Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
- Chancellor Timothy White
- CSU Board of Trustees
- CSUAS
- Campus Senates chairs
- Mona Pasquil, Governor Appointments Secretary,
- Legislative leadership: Senator Darryl Steinberg (President *pro Tem*) and Assemblymember John A. Perez (Speaker)
- Assemblymember Das Williams, Chair, Assembly Committee on Higher Education

- Assemblymember Rocky J. Chávez, Vice Chair, Assembly Committee on higher Education
- Senator Carol Liu, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education
- Senator Mark Wyland, Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Education

RATIONALE: The Faculty Trustee provides the BOT unique perspective and expertise in areas such as academic policy, curriculum, faculty and student affairs, and fiscal management of academic resources. The Faculty Trustee further serves as a conduit of essential information between the BOT and CSU campuses regarding policies, budgets, and best practices, and thus absence of a Faculty Trustee is of grave concern to the SJSU Academic Senate. The ASCSU has attempted to resolve this problem by following nomination mandatory policies and procedures; however, doing so has proved ineffective across two governorships. A legislative solution is needed to ensure uninterrupted appointment of a Faculty Trustee.