SS-S11-1, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring and Thanking Fred Najjar for his Service to the Senate and to the University

Legislative History: At its meeting of February 14, 2011, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by the Executive Committee.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
HONORING AND THANKING FRED NAJJAR FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE SENATE AND TO THE UNIVERSITY

Whereas, Fred Najjar has distinguished himself throughout 22 years of service to San José State University, and

Whereas, Fred Najjar first came to SJSU as Director of University Housing Services, after which he served as AVP and Executive Assistant to the VP of Student Affairs, positions that are integral to the quality of the student experience at SJSU, and

Whereas, Fred Najjar then rose through the alumni relations and advancement ranks, as AVP for Alumni Affairs, Executive Director of the Alumni Association, AVP for Development and Alumni Relations, and for the past 6 years as Vice President of Advancement, and

Whereas, as VP of Advancement, he led the expansion of University philanthropic efforts, guiding the advancement division through the quiet phase of SJSU’s first comprehensive campaign, including events surrounding the 150th anniversary, and taking the Acceleration campaign public, and

Whereas, building support for a campaign of this magnitude at a public university is a difficult task, but an increasingly important one as state support for the university wanes, and

Whereas, Fred Najjar’s leadership has resulted in some $142 million of support for the campaign, putting the University in excellent position to achieve the campaign goal of $200 million, and
Whereas, as a member of the Senate Executive Committee and as a Senator, Fred Najjar has represented the best ideals of university shared governance, and

Whereas, Fred Najjar’s contributions to the Senate have always been exemplified by honesty, evenhandedness, and respect for all members of the University community, and

Whereas, Fred Najjar’s interaction with colleagues in general and the Senate in particular has demonstrated graceful collegiality and a warm sense of humor, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of San José State University congratulates, thanks and commends Fred Najjar for his many years of service to the University and to the Academic Senate, and also be it

Resolved, that the Academic Senate wishes Fred Najjar great success in his new position as Vice President for Philanthropy for Catholic Healthcare West.

Approved: February 11, 2011
Vote: 14-0-0
Present: Kaufman, Gleixner, Von Till, McClory, Van Selst, Kimbarow, Lee, Laker, Kassing, Selter, Ng, Peter, Kolodziejak
Absent: Najjar
Financial impact: Millions and Millions of dollars!
Workload impact: None