



Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President

Dear Spartans,

Respecting and protecting the privacy rights of our students is both a legal and ethical responsibility. In line with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), I have issued Presidential Directive PD-2025-01, which formally rescinds Academic Senate Policy S66-20 and replaces it with policy that aligns with federal law and campus practice.

This action closes a longstanding compliance gap that left the university at risk of federal audit findings and potential litigation. Policy S66-20, adopted in 1966 prior to FERPA, contained and implied an outdated definition of “directory information” that hindered our ability to meet core requirements, including the annual publication of directory information to all students.

A review of all 23 California State University campuses confirmed that SJSU’s prior policy was a significant outlier. The new directive brings us into alignment with federal standards and CSU norms, supporting vital functions such as enrollment verification, institutional reporting, and student communications.

While this directive resolves the immediate compliance concern, the university remains committed to shared governance and welcomes continued dialogue with the Academic Senate on developing a permanent policy that reflects current law and best practices.

You can review the full directive here: [Presidential Directive PD-2025-01](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Teniente-Matson".

Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson

President

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