

1 **San Jose State University**
2 **Academic Senate**
3 **Professional Standards Committee**
4 **April 17, 2023**
5 **Final Reading**

AS 1850

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7 **Sense of the Senate Resolution**
8 **In Opposition to Florida House Bill 999 and in Solidarity with**
9 **Public University Faculty in the State of Florida**

10 **Whereas:** HB 999 would put control of curriculum and institutional mission statements
11 entirely in the hands of political appointees, substituting the ideological beliefs of those
12 in power for the freedom necessary for institutions of higher education to serve the
13 common good, and

14 **Whereas** HB 999 would effectively silence faculty and students across the ideological
15 spectrum, limit or ban students' ability to pursue certain areas of study, and purge whole
16 fields of study from public universities, and

17 **Whereas:** HB 999 would destroy academic freedom, tenure, and shared governance in
18 Florida's public colleges and universities, and

19 **Whereas:** Historically, autocratic regimes have set their sights on cultural centers, the
20 arts, and colleges and universities, because they see these places as threats to their
21 power and control, and

22 **Whereas:** HB 999 is clearly an attempt to stifle ideas, silence debate, and make
23 Florida's institutions of higher education into an arm of Governor DeSantis' political
24 operation; therefore be it

25 **Resolved:** That the Academic Senate of San José State University (SJSU) must, in the
26 strongest possible terms, denounce these authoritarian measures and express our
27 solidarity with the faculty, students, and staff of Florida's public colleges and
28 universities; be it further

29 **Resolved:** That the Academic Senate of San José State University (SJSU) calls on the
30 faculty and administration of SJSU to speak out in opposition to HB 999 and in support
31 of academic freedom everywhere; be it further

32 **Resolved:** That copies of this resolution be distributed widely to students, faculty, and
33 staff members of the SJSU community, to the Academic Senate of the CSU, to the CSU
34 Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, President of CFA, Faculty
35 Trustee of the Board of Trustees, and the President of the United Faculty of Florida
36 (UFF), the Academic Senates of Florida's public universities, the Southern Association
37 of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the Chronicle of Higher
38 Education, and other public venues.

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40 Approved: 3/6/23

41 Vote: 9-0-0

42 Present: Barrera, French, Gómez, Kazemifar, Monday, Pruthi, Riley, Smith,
43 Wang

44 Absent: Maldonado

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46 Financial Impact: None anticipated

47 Workload Impact: None anticipated

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