

1 SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY  
2 Academic Senate  
3 Instruction and Student Affairs Committee  
4 February 5, 2024  
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AS 1865

6 **SENSE OF THE SENATE**  
7 **In Support of Blood Drives on Campus**

8 Whereas, San José State University continues to affirm its commitment to “creating  
9 a diverse community guided by core values of inclusion, civility, and  
10 respect for each individual,” (University Policy S01-13: Commitment to a  
11 Campus Climate that Values Diversity and Equal Opportunity<sup>1</sup>), and

12 Whereas, In 2008, President Don W. Kassing reaffirmed the University’s  
13 commitment to equitable practices by suspending campus blood drives,  
14 recognizing that the “Food and Drug Administration’s regulations prohibit  
15 gay men from donating blood because of their sexual orientation,<sup>2</sup>” are  
16 discriminatory, and

17 Whereas, The Academic Senate of San José State University “support[ed] and  
18 commend[ed] President Don W. Kassing for his courage, leadership and  
19 commitment to academic principles of equal opportunity and respect for  
20 human dignity” in passing the Sense of the Senate Resolution SS-S08-1:  
21 Commending President Don W. Kassing For Supporting San Jose State  
22 University’s Commitment to Non-Discrimination by Suspending Campus  
23 Blood Drives<sup>2</sup>, and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S01-13.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SS-S08-1.pdf>

24 Whereas, In May 2023, the Food and Drug Administration amended rules regarding  
25 blood donation, replacing discriminatory bans with non-gendered,  
26 individual risk assessment questionnaires that apply equally to all<sup>3</sup>, and

27 Whereas, The Academic Senate of San José State University recognizes that this  
28 data-driven, equitable approach to blood donation now aligns with our  
29 non-discrimination principles, and provides equal opportunity for the  
30 LGBTQI+ community to participate in blood donation. Therefore, be it

31 Resolved, That in response to the Food and Drug Administration’s revised policies  
32 regarding blood donation, the Academic Senate of San José State  
33 University supports resumption of blood drives on our campus.

34 Approved: January 29, 2024

35 Vote: 13-0-0

36 Present: Doshi, Giampaolo, Guzman, Jackson (non-voting), Masegian,  
37 Mathur, Muller, Multani, Rollerson, Sabalius, Sen, Sullivan-Green,  
38 Vogel, Wolcott

39 Absent: Brown, Leisenring, Meniketti, Price, Tucker

40 Financial Impact: None

41 Workload Impact: None

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<sup>3</sup> Food and Drug Administration (2023, May 11). *FDA Finalizes Move to Recommend Individual Risk Assessment to Determine Eligibility for Blood Donations*. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-finalizes-move-recommend-individual-risk-assessment-determine-eligibility-blood-donations>, Retrieved January 27, 2024