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At its meeting of February 28, 2005, the Academic Senate passed the following Policy Recommendation presented by Senator Donoho for the Executive Committee.

**POLICY RECOMMENDATION
DISSOLUTION OF UNIVERSITY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BOARD**

- Whereas, UP S01-7 created the University Information Technology Board (IT Board) as a special agency of the Senate and as a replacement to the Special Committee on Academic Information Technology; and
- Whereas, The IT Board was charged to recommend policies to the President and/or Academic Senate as appropriate, act in an advisory capacity to the President, carry out specific responsibilities and functions delegated to it by the President, and have an overall awareness of the technology needs of the University in order to make recommendations pertaining to technology and to act in an advisory capacity; and
- Whereas, The IT Board was also charged to serve as a channel for communication among faculty, students and administrators in regard to information technology and to facilitate communication about information technology with and between colleges and departments; and
- Whereas, Interim President Crowley hired a consultant to review the campus IT structure and to make recommendations for improvement; and
- Whereas, The consultant met with the IT board among others and issued a report in June 2004 following which Interim President Crowley established an IT Task Force, co-chaired by the Provost and VP of Administration & Finance and with no faculty members; and
- Whereas, The Executive Committee's request to add the IT Board chair to the IT Task Force was honored; and
- Whereas, Since its formation in Spring 2001, no president has used the IT Board for advice and the IT Board has found that many of the problems it addresses are structural to the organization of SJSU, rather than policy related, and thus, its role in recommending policy has been limited; and
- Whereas, The IT Board created a Responsible Use Policy passed by the Senate (UP S02-8) and has done extensive review of campus plans for wireless technology, equipment refresh, and software for distance learning; and
- Whereas, The Executive Committee consulted with members of the IT Board in Fall 2004 with the IT Board chair continuing to be informed of Executive Committee actions

leading up to this resolution and the chairs of the IT Task Force and President agree with the proposal presented in this resolution;

Whereas, UP F04-3, created in December 2004, establishes a strategic planning process; and

Whereas, Unit and program directors can establish advisory councils as they deem necessary and beneficial to inform their decision-making; therefore be it

Resolved, That the IT Board be dissolved, UP S01-7 be rescinded, and the Senate call upon Interim President Kassing to also dissolve the IT Task Force; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate thank the members of the IT Board for their work in addressing campus IT needs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate recommend that the UPC, as part of the strategic planning process, consider the issues raised in the consultant's report; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate recommend that the reports prepared by the IT Board be shared with the VP of Administration & Finance and the Provost for their use in ongoing work in implementing wireless technologies, a technology refresh plan and selecting distance education software.

Approved: January 31, 2005

Present: Ashton, Bros, Donoho, Greathouse, Heish, Kassing, Lee, Lessow-Hurley, Maldonado-Colon, Nellen, Phillips, Sigler, Thames, Van Selst, Veregge

Absent: none

Vote: 13-0-2

Financial Impact: None

**ACTION BY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved by Interim President Don Kassing on
March 2, 2005**