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At its meeting of December 9, 2002, the Academic Senate passed the following Senate Management Recommendation presented by Marshall Goodman for the Executive Committee.

**SENATE MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION  
CREATING A TASK FORCE ON AN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FEE**

- Whereas, San Jose State University is dedicated to the values of quality and access; and
- Whereas, state support has comprised a smaller and smaller portion of the SJSU budget, critical needs have gone unaddressed, harming SJSU's ability to deliver quality; and
- Whereas, the university's commitment to access is also now threatened by current and future state budget cuts, combined with projected increases in enrollment; and
- Whereas, recently, students at CSU San Luis Obispo approved a variety of fee increases in order to fund new equipment, faculty hires, course offerings, and other academic needs; and
- Whereas, student fees in the CSU have not increased in eight years and remain among the lowest in the entire nation; and
- Whereas, the CSU loses significant contributions to student financial aid packages from the federal and state governments due to the presently low student fees; and
- Whereas, student fee increases normally are not imposed without student approval through the mechanism of a student fee referendum; be it therefore
- Resolved that the SJSU Academic Senate authorizes the creation of a temporary task force, with the charge and membership indicated below, to explore the concept of an academic excellence fee; be it further
- Resolved that the Senate Executive Committee and the Provost shall jointly select the chair and the faculty membership of this committee; be it further
- Resolved that if the task force determines such a fee is worth pursuing, the task force should present their recommendations, including the use of the fee, to the Senate and, if supported, attempt to place a fee referendum on the student ballot no later than Fall 2003; be it finally

Resolved that the task force shall be dissolved 30 days after a) its issuing a written finding that no academic excellence fee should be pursued, or b) the date of the first student referendum on an academic excellence fee.

Charge:

- 1) Consult as widely as possible to solicit campus input regarding academic needs and projected costs to meet those needs.
- 2) Consult with students (perhaps utilizing a professional firm) to determine the feasibility of an academic excellence fee, including what services students would be willing to pay for and how much they would be willing to pay.
- 3) Determine whether or not to proceed with the idea of placing an academic excellence fee referendum before the student body, whether on a university-wide or college-by-college basis. Such a proposal should include a detailed explanation of how funds collected would be spent.
- 4) Work with student leaders, student organizations and others to ensure the passage of such a fee, if proposed.

Membership

3 students – the Associated Students Director of Student Fee Affairs; 1 other member of the A.S. Board of Directors; and 1 graduate student  
2 faculty from the Senate Executive Committee  
6 faculty from other colleges,  
1 college dean  
Dean of the Library or designee  
Vice President for Student Affairs or designee  
AVP, Undergraduate Studies or designee  
AVP, Graduate Studies & Research or designee  
Director of Academic Services or designee  
AVP, Institutional Planning & Research (non-voting member)