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**SM-S13-4, Senate Management Resolution, Procedures to
consider rapid response Sense of the Senate
Resolutions in response to emergent external and
internal issues**

Legislative History:

At its meeting of May 13, 2013, the Academic Senate approved the following Senate Management Resolution presented by Senator Kimbarow for the Organization and Government Committee.

**Senate Management Resolution:
Procedures to consider rapid response Sense of the Senate
Resolutions in response to emergent external and internal issues**

Whereas, The Academic Senate has a rich history and tradition of adopting Sense of the Senate Resolutions to express positions on issues directly affecting the campus community; and

Whereas, Sense of the Senate Resolutions are often generated in response to legislative issues; policy announcements or mandates from the CSU Chancellor, and

Whereas, the Academic Senate meeting schedule often precludes timely and rapid response to emergent issues that directly impact on the SJSU campus community; and

Whereas, San José State University is often in the position of responding after other CSU campuses have gone on record with their SS resolutions; and

Whereas, there is a need to develop a procedure to create a rapid response capability for San José State; now therefore be it

Resolved: That the following procedures to create and vote on rapid response Sense of the Senate Resolutions be approved:

1. Any member of the San José State University campus community may initiate a Sense of the Senate Resolution during the academic year.
2. All Sense of the Senate Resolutions are to be submitted to the Academic Senate Office for dissemination to the Senate Executive Committee by using a referral

form available on the Senate website (sjsu.edu/senate/forms) along with a rationale or justification for the SS and why a rapid response is necessary.

3. The Senate Executive Committee will determine by majority vote if the submitted Sense of the Senate Resolution requires a Rapid Response and should not wait until the next regularly scheduled full Senate meeting for dissemination and vote.
4. The Senate Executive Committee will review, finalize and vote on the Rapid Response Sense of Senate Resolution within 2 business days of submission.
5. If the SS is approved by the Executive Committee, the Chair of the Senate will:
 - a. Distribute the Sense of the Senate Resolution to all Academic Senators with a brief rationale for requesting a rapid response
 - b. Set up a secure electronic voting procedure
 - c. Call for an electronic vote to be completed no later than 2 business days after distribution of the resolution.
 - d. Approval of the Sense of the Senate Resolution will require a 2/3rds *absolute* majority vote of the Senate as recorded electronically.
 - e. Approved Sense of the Senate Resolutions will be disseminated to the SJSU Campus Community, to the Chancellor's Office and to the ASCSU and other appropriate entities as determined by the Executive Committee
 - f. A resolution approved by majority vote that fails to meet the 2/3rds absolute majority threshold will be brought forward to the next regularly scheduled full Senate meeting for further discussion and vote.
 - g. A resolution that fails to achieve a simple majority vote of approval will be reviewed by the Executive Committee to determine if it should be brought forward to the next regularly scheduled full Senate meeting for further discussion and vote.

Approved: 5/1/13 (Electronically) Organization and Government
Committee
Vote: 8-0-1
Present: Bacich, Cheruzel, Hebert, Kimbarow, Park, Rubio, Rudy, Rose-
Riley
Absent: None
Financial Impact: None anticipated
Workload Impact: Time required to review, discuss, and vote on the SS