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At its meeting of February 23, 2004, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by James Brent.

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSITION 55**

- Whereas San José State University is the oldest university in the CSU system, and many of its buildings need to be rebuilt or extensively renovated; and
- Whereas the State of California is currently experiencing the largest multi-year budget deficits in its history, making it highly unlikely that the legislature will appropriate money to address SJSU's pressing construction and deferred maintenance needs for many years, if ever; and
- Whereas California has historically funded capital construction for education through the issuance of state bonds; and
- Whereas San José State University has been the direct beneficiary of several previous bonds which, for example, made construction of the joint Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library and the upcoming renovation of Clark Hall possible; and
- Whereas Proposition 55 (the "Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004") would provide \$690 million to the CSU for capital projects, as well as provide \$1 billion to K-12 education and \$1.6 billion to the University of California and the state's community colleges; be it therefore
- Resolved that the Academic Senate endorses Proposition 55 and urges its passage; be it additionally
- Resolved that the chair of the Academic Senate is encouraged to communicate the Senate's endorsement of this proposition in any manner that she deems fit.