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At its meeting of April 25, 2005, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Thames for the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION

SJSU SHARED VALUES

- Whereas: Enriching the lives of our students and transmitting knowledge to our students along with the necessary skills for applying it in the service of our society is an important part of SJSU's mission; and
- Whereas: Identifying shared values of faculty, staff, and students at SJSU supports our mission; and
- Whereas: Campus-wide forums were held by the President's Office and Academic Senate to solicit input from faculty, staff, and students as part of the current institutional planning process; and
- Whereas: Shared values emerged across those group discussions; and
- Whereas: A campus-wide survey was held asking the university community to endorse the shared values with a resulting acceptance rating of 96% for Student Success, 94% for Excellence, 96% for Integrity, 97% for Diversity, 97% for Community, and through commentary, a consistent recommendation to add another value related to Learning; and
- Whereas: The Instruction and Student Affairs Committee, working closely with the Office of Institutional Planning, has devoted time to discussions related to student values pursuant to a 2002 referral from the Provost; and
- Whereas: Values would be better institutionalized with deliberate promotion across the whole campus with endorsement and support from campus leadership; and
- Whereas: The Spartan Creed disappeared from the student handbook sometime after 1962 for unknown reasons and read as follows:
- To make learning a lifetime pursuit
 - This is the goal of a Spartan;
 - To defend truth, wherever it may reside
 - This is the loyalty of a Spartan;
 - To understand fully before making judgments
 - This is the way of a Spartan;
 - To know what could be and what should be done

- This is the burden of a Spartan;
To be able to do what must be done
- This is the promise of a Spartan;
To live in harmony with law, both human and divine
- This is the promise of a Spartan;
To become the most that my talents and efforts can make me
- This is the reward of a Spartan.

And

- Whereas: The President's Office, the Goals Advisory Council, the Executive Committee, and the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee have endorsed the attached document; therefore be it
- Resolved: That the attached document "SJSU Shared Values" be recommended as a guiding document along with the SJSU Mission Statement and the SJSU Vision Statement; and be it further
- Resolved: That the document be widely published in various forms, including but not limited to the Schedule of Classes, the University catalog, recruiting materials, orientation materials for incoming students (new and transfer students), orientation materials for new faculty and staff, the University web site; and be it further
- Resolved: That the University Planning Council and the Goals Advisory Council and any committees, task forces, or work groups formed by the UPC or GAC, consider their decisions with the "SJSU Shared Values" in mind; and be it further
- Resolved: That a program of activities sponsored by the President's Office and the Academic Senate be instituted to reinforce and promote the values (e.g. values recognition program, campus banners, posters for offices and buildings, etc.); and be it further
- Resolved: That the Senate appreciates any sponsorship Associated Students might provide to reinforce and promote the values; and be it further
- Resolved: That one such activity be having one of the values be the campus "theme" each academic year with each of the six shared values serving as the university's annual theme on a rotational basis; and be it further
- Resolved: That for the academic year 2005 –2006, the university value theme be "Student Success" and that all campus divisions, colleges, departments, units and organizations be encouraged to consider the value theme for the year when planning existing activities and that the value theme be considered in any campus-wide activities, such as Commencement, Honors Convocation, Campus Reading Program, Educated Person Dialogue, Orientation, etc.
- Approved: April 11, 2005
- Present: Willey, Greathouse, Moran, Kelly, Gonzales, Campsey, Thames, McClory, Peck, Thompson, Propas, (Evans, non-voting)
- Absent: Southerland, Hansen, Bjerkek, Nguyen, Dresser, Pour, Brada-Williams
- Vote: 11-0-0
- Financial Impact: None



Mission

In collaboration with nearby industries and communities, San José State University faculty and staff are dedicated to achieving the university's mission as a responsive institution of the State of California: To enrich the lives of its students, to transmit knowledge to its students along with the necessary skills for applying it in the service of our society, and to expand the base of knowledge through research and scholarship.

For both undergraduate and graduate students, the university emphasizes the following goals:

- In-depth knowledge of a major field of study.
- Broad understanding of the sciences, social sciences, humanities, and the arts.
- Skills in communication and in critical inquiry.
- Multi-cultural and global perspectives gained through intellectual and social exchange with people of diverse economic and ethnic backgrounds.
- Active participation in professional, artistic and ethnic communities.
- Responsible citizenship and an understanding of ethical choices inherent in human development.

Vision 2010

San José State University will be a prominent student-centered campus. By creating a vibrant educational institution focused on academic rigor, social responsibility and mutual respect, San José State University will be a university of choice – a desirable place for study and work. The University will be known for the value it places on the integration of liberal and professional education and theoretical and applied knowledge. The University will also be known for providing a welcoming, inclusive environment and exemplary student support services from application to graduation. Through the high quality of its graduates and the scholarship, research and service of its faculty and staff, San José State University will be viewed as a crucial resource for Silicon Valley and an important contributor to the region, the state and the world.

Shared Values

These shared values enable us to serve our mission and achieve our vision.

Learning

We value education above all. The academic freedom of faculty and students is vital to our role of promoting life-long learning through intellectual inquiry, scholarship, and the pursuit of knowledge.

Student Success

We place our highest priority on ensuring the academic success and personal growth of San José State University students.

Excellence

We hold ourselves to the highest standards and support continual improvement and innovation in all we do.

Integrity

We are accountable for our actions and expect honesty and fairness in all our work and interactions.

Diversity

We value and respect diversity, inclusion, civility and individual uniqueness and recognize the strength these factors bring to our community and learning environment. All of our interactions should reflect trust, caring and mutual respect.

Community

We value collaborative relationships within and beyond the campus in order to best serve our mission.