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At its meeting of February 18, 2008, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator McClory for the Executive Committee.

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
Commending President Don W. Kassing
For Supporting San José State University's
Commitment to Non-Discrimination by
Suspending Campus Blood Drives**

- Whereas San José State University is committed to non-discrimination as evidenced by S01-13, "Commitment to a Campus Climate that Values Diversity and Equal Opportunity;" and
- Whereas S01-13 states that the University "is committed to creating a diverse community guided by core values of inclusion, civility, and respect for each individual;" and
- Whereas at this time, Food and Drug Administration regulations prohibit gay men from donating blood because of their sexual orientation and not because of unsafe sexual practices; and
- Whereas the University understands the importance of donating blood for the good of the community, but cannot allow blood drives on campus because they are discriminatory and in direct conflict with University non-discrimination policy; and
- Whereas President Kassing has taken a leadership role in reaffirming the University's commitment to non-discrimination by suspending campus blood drives; and
- Whereas in making this decision, President Kassing has exercised great consideration and care in balancing the needs of the greater community with the core values of the University; therefore
- Be it resolved that the Academic Senate of San José State University support and commend President Don W. Kassing for his courage, leadership and commitment to academic principles of equal opportunity and respect for human dignity; therefore

Be it resolved that San José State University continue the suspension of blood drives until the Food and Drug Administration rescinds its policy of discrimination against gay men.

Approved: 12-0-1

Present: Kassing, Lee, Najjar, Phillips, Lessow-Hurley, Meldal,
McClory, Bros, Kaufman, Sivertsen, Backer, Van Selst,
Von Till

Absent: Sigler, Henderson

Financial Impact: None

Workload Impact: None