

**SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**SS-S08-5, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Expressing our  
Appreciation of Don W. Kassing**

**Legislative History:**

At its meeting of May 5, 2008, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Chair Lessow-Hurley for the Executive Committee.

**Sense of the Senate Resolution**

**Expressing our Appreciation of Don W. Kassing**

- Whereas, Don W. Kassing set aside his plans for retirement to serve as president of San José State University in a time of need; and
- Whereas, he has served as a committed, collegial member of the Academic Senate; and
- Whereas, he was president of San José State University during its successful celebration of the 150th anniversary year, and
- Whereas, he has successfully encouraged us to think of his tenure as "our time," fostering a strong sense of pride in the entire campus community, and
- Whereas, he has engaged the entire university community in open and constructive conversations about the university and its future, and
- Whereas, through his example he has demonstrated the importance of "walking up to" challenges, and
- Whereas, he successfully led the campus through a protracted and demanding accreditation process; and
- Whereas, he has shown courage and principled leadership by supporting the campus non-discrimination policy and
- Whereas, he has consistently supported a strategic planning process that has moved the University toward clarification and prioritization of goals and alignment of resources to priorities, and

- Whereas, through his personal example and leadership he has promoted a sense of service to the university and to the broader community, and
- Whereas, he has enhanced the stature of the University, inspiring whole-hearted community support and unprecedented donations; and
- Whereas, his strong and thoughtful leadership, combined with fairness, honesty and good judgment have endeared him to the campus community; and
- Whereas, he has spent an enormous amount of time out of the saddle on our behalf, therefore be it
- Resolved, that the Academic Senate express its abiding affection, appreciation and gratitude to Don W. Kassing for his service as a Senator and as President of San José State University; and
- Resolved, that the Academic Senate wish Don W. Kassing many joyful years of retirement.

APPROVED: Senate Executive Committee, April 14, 2008

VOTE: 12-0-0

PRESENT: Backer, Bros, Kaufman, Lee, Lessow-Hurley, McClory  
Meldal, Najjar, Sigler, Sivertsen, Van Selst, Von Till

ABSENT: Henderson, Kassing, Phillips