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SS-S21-4, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Expressing Concern about the Athletics Administration at SJSU

Legislative History:

On May 10, 2021 the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senators Sasikumar, Curry, and White from the floor of the Senate.

Whereas: *The San Jose Mercury News*¹, *USA TODAY*², and *The San Francisco Chronicle*³ have reported that an investigation by the CSU has concluded that there was retaliation against Coach Sage Hopkins; and

Whereas: These articles make it evident that there is a pattern of allegations against the Athletics Director, and the Senior Associate Athletics Director; and

Whereas: Although the conclusions of the ongoing CSU investigation are subject to appeal, more recent allegations have surfaced regarding the Athletics Administration⁴ that are sufficient to trigger concern that there is a culture of retaliation, harassment, and bullying in the Athletics Administration; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Senate hereby expresses its concern about SJSU's Athletics Administration and calls upon university leadership to take steps to protect student athletes, staff, administrators, faculty members, and coaches from retaliation, to publicize those steps, and to implement concrete measures to foster a climate in which those who report suspected cases of abuse are supported, and to ensure a "safe learning environment that is dedicated to the success of its students" as promised in SJSU's statement of February 27, 2021⁵; be it further

Resolved: That the SJSU Academic Senate distribute this resolution to the Academic Senate of the CSU, the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Castro, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, the California Faculty Association (CFA), the California State Student Association (CSSA), the Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (ERFSA).

¹ <https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/03/03/new-lawsuit-hits-san-jose-state-athletics-amid-allegations-of-cover-ups-retaliation/>

² <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/investigations/2021/02/26/san-jose-state-athletic-trainer-shaw-responsible-sexual-misconduct/6836034002/>

³ <https://www.sfchronicle.com/sports/annkillion/article/Legal-troubles-at-San-Jose-State-bring-to-mind-16002120.php>

⁴ <https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/04/25/reckoning-at-san-jose-state-claims-of-coverup-retaliation-in-sex-abuse-scandal-grow/>