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At its meeting of February 2, 1998, the Academic Senate unanimously approved the following Sense-of-the-Senate Resolution presented by Bethany Shifflett for the Budget Advisory Committee.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION

ENDORING BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR AY 98-99

"THE PRIORITIES RESOLUTION" AS PER F96-4, 2.2

Whereas, The Budget Process Policy (F96-4) calls for the Senate Budget Advisory Committee to receive the President's general budget priorities, to consult with the President, and to propose a "Priorities Resolution" for consideration by the full Senate that will then guide the process by which budget priorities are implemented in the ensuing academic/fiscal year; and

Whereas, The Budget Advisory Committee has received proposed budget priorities from the President, has consulted with the President and his officers, has engaged in constructive dialogue resulting in a modified proposal; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the attached document "San Jose State University's Budget Priorities Statement 1998-99" be endorsed by the Academic Senate as the guidelines to be used by administrative units in applying for priority funding, and by the Budget Advisory Committee in evaluating the applications for priority funding, and by the President in making the final decisions on priority funding (all under F96-4).

Attachment:

San Jose State University's Budget Priorities Statement

1998-99

As San Jose State University prepares for the new millennium, it is critical that the budget process and the associated decisions support the strategic direction the University has set for the next five years. Our University's commitments to academic excellence and student success must continue to be the cornerstones of our budget process.

To guide our consideration of the next budget, and our establishment of priorities, the themes identified in the 1997 President's Report will be used to direct the allocation of new or reallocated funds. Proposals for new initiatives, and enhancements or realignment of current programs, will be evaluated relative to their contribution to the six goals stated in the 1997 President's Report. This approach should create an effective means of applying our resources to current needs, as we continue to position the University for the future.

In addition, the budget principles and process identified in University Policy F96-4 will guide us this spring. We will be shaping our budget decisions in an institutional, system, and state climate that has certain ambiguous and unpredictable features to it; therefore, adherence to our budget process principles should permit the necessary dialogue that will get varying perspectives on the table, while still insuring alignment of our budget decisions with the six themes stated in the 1997 President's Report.

1998-99 Budget Goals

- Advance the quality of our academic programs consistent with the Academic Priorities Report.
- Enhance those areas that contribute to student access, retention, progression and success.
- Enhance the "campus climate" consistent with recent reports, such as the recommendations of the Campus Climate Advisory Committee, and the faculty, staff and student surveys.
- Promote information competence and advance our investment and use of information technology as teaching, learning and administrative tools.
- Invest in campus facility improvements that contribute to the quality of the teaching and learning experience, as well as improve our facilities.
- As the Metropolitan University of Silicon Valley, augment institutional efforts, through partnerships and outreach efforts, which support the needs of our fast-changing region and support our mission as an educational resource for the region.