WHEREAS Participation in decision-making is a cherished privilege and right in any system of self-governance, and

WHEREAS The most fundamental form of that participation -- voting in national, state, and local elections -- is mirrored in the decision-making processes of student self-government, and

WHEREAS The Associated Students of SFSU will be conducting a student referendum on fee increases in four different categories (Academic Affairs; Athletics; Career Center; Health Services) on March 2 and 3, 2004, and

WHEREAS The Academic Senate of SFSU has consistently supported and encouraged engagement in such civic activity as voting, of which this referendum is an example, and

WHEREAS The choices made by those who participate will affect every student attending SFSU by increasing fees in one or more of the four categories; therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of SFSU remind all faculty that there is no prohibition against non-partisan advocacy of civic activity, and be it further
RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of SFSU urge all faculty on this campus to notify their students about the upcoming referendum, and be it further

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of SFSU urge all faculty to tell students that arguments about the issues can be found in the Voter Information Pamphlet (available at the Cesar Chavez Student Center), and be it further

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of SFSU urge all faculty to remind students to exercise their right to vote in the referendum scheduled for March 2 and 3, 2004.

*** Approved by General Consent of the Academic Senate on February 24, 2004 ***