Resolution Number: RS04-226  
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Resolution Supporting the March 15 Rally in Sacramento,  
#RS04-226

Whereas Despite  
passage of ballot propositions 57 and 58, the CSU continues to be  

profoundly  
threatened by the California fiscal crisis; and  

Whereas The  
budget reduction projected for SFSU has forced the campus to consider both  
short-term and long-range cuts that will have permanent effects on academic  
programs at SFSU; and  

Whereas Faculty,  
staff, administrators and students will suffer from these cuts; and  

Whereas Students  
in the California community colleges organized a highly successful march and  
rally in Sacramento in spring of 2003, attended by about 7000 students, as a  
result of which funding for the community colleges was increased by many  

millions of dollars; and  

Whereas Students in the California community colleges plan a  
similar event for  

March 15, 2004 -- the ides of  
March; and  

Whereas Leadership  
of the Associated Students of SFSU is working on ways in which  
SFSU students can participate in  
this event, and organizing means by which students from this campus can attend;  
and  

Whereas Brian  
Murphy, of the SFSU Urban Institute, made a vigorous presentation at the  
Academic Senate meeting of February 24, 2004, recommending that faculty and  
campus administrators endorse this activity;
Whereas A high visible presence of CSU students would remind state decision-makers that, like their community college peers, they have profound concerns about the effect on their education of the dwindling state support for higher education in this state; therefore be it

Resolved That the Academic Senate of SFSU ask all faculty to tell their students about this event and encourage students to participate in it; and further be it

Resolved That students be given any way possible to make up classwork they miss if they attend this event, an example of civic engagement; and further be it

Resolved That the Academic Senate of SFSU remind faculty and administrators that even if they cannot attend themselves they can provide financial support for this venture by contributing to the fund established by Associated Students SFSU; and further be it

Resolved That the Academic Senate of SFSU thank Dr. Murphy for prompting faculty to act on this matter.

***Approved Unanimously by the Academic Senate on March 9, 2004***