THE IMPORTANCE OF SETTLING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CSU AND CFA

WHEREAS The Academic Senate of the California State University (CSU) has urged local senates to review and endorse "Importance of Settling the Contract Between the CSU and CFA" approved on January 18-19, 2007; and

WHEREAS The Academic Senate of San Francisco State University (SF State) has reviewed AS-2782-07/FA and finds the principles embodied to be consistent with our role in advocating for a high quality system of higher education; therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate SF State endorse the Academic Senate CSU resolution AS-2782-07/FA; and further be it

RESOLVED That the SF State Academic Senate forward this resolution to the Chair of the ASCSU, the Chairs of all CSU campus Senates, and the Board of Trustees.

RATIONALE
AS-2782-07/FA (attached) indicates some of the reasons why having the contractual bargaining between the California State University system and the California Faculty Association reach a reasonable settlement as quickly as possible is in the best interest of the CSU as a whole.

The resolution speaks to issues that have historically been in the domain of the senate. Rapid settling of the issues and adoption of a fair and equitable contract will help the CSU attract and retain high quality faculty who will continue to provide a superior education to the people of California.

At the same time, funding to the CSU system is not adequate to address the critical needs that currently exist, including those related to equitable compensation, workload issues and professional development. A carefully designed and energetic effort is required to obtain funding from the Governor and Legislature that more realistically reflects the actual needs of the CSU system.

***Unanimously Approved by the Academic Senate on February 13, 2007***