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RESOLUTION ON THE ROLE OF THE UNIVERSITY AT A TIME OF CRISIS IN THE
PERSIAN GULF
RS91-86

At its meeting of February 5, 1991, the Academic Senate unanimously approved the following
resolution on the Role of the University at a Time of Crisis in the Persian Gulf:

WHEREAS

The historic role of the university calls upon it to examine a broad range of
ideas; to honor differences in perspective or point of view; to increase
students' awareness and understanding of the complexities of the world
they live in; and to provide an opportunity for reflection as well as a forum
for discussion and debate; and

WHEREAS

In the pursuit of its goals of teaching and learning, the faculty of the
University can and should bring to bear on issues of global importance the
knowledge, research, and services of their disciplines in an attempt to
illuminate these issues and enable members of the University community to
make informed decisions about action; and

WHEREAS

The SFSU community, culturally and ethnically diverse, by its very nature
embodies a multiplicity of values, beliefs, circumstances, experiences, and
perspectives; and

WHEREAS

SFSU has a long and rich tradition of both protecting individual freedoms
and maintaining its sense of community; and

WHEREAS

The war in the Persian Gulf raises complex political, social, cultural,
economic, and moral questions upon which it is possible for reasonable
people to disagree, and which deserve deliberate, reasoned, and
compassionate examination; therefore be it

RESOLVED

That the Academic Senate ask all members of the SFSU community to find
individual and collective ways to listen, to respond thoughtfully, to
recognize the rights of all persons in the community to differ in their views;
and be it further
RESOLVED That the Academic Senate reaffirm the right of all faculty, administrators, staff, and students to freely express their views on the war as on all other topics, without fear of recrimination on this campus; and be it further

RESOLVED That the San Francisco State University Academic Senate express its deep concern for all those affected directly by the war and circumstances in the Persian Gulf; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate reaffirm the role of the University as an open forum for dialogue, discussion, and debate about the war in the Persian Gulf in the expectation that such activity contributes to both the mission of the University and the peaceful survival of the world around us.