RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT A REFERENDUM FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CREATION OF A SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND A SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#RS94-135

At its meeting of March 8, 1994, the Academic Senate approved the following resolution to conduct a referendum for the approval of the creation of a School of Education and a School of Health and Human Services:

WHEREAS

Academic Senate Policy #S92-178 Regarding Academic Reorganization, includes the principle that "Any proposal for organizational change regarding the structure of major academic units (Colleges, Schools within Colleges, or departments within Schools) shall evolve from the organizational planning process and shall be approved by the faculty through a referendum designed (including the appropriate electorate) and conducted by the Academic Senate;” and

WHEREAS

Faculty, administration, and staff representatives from 14 departments and programs within three schools, have formed a referendum planning committee that has met for many months to discuss the pertinent factors relating to the possible reorganization of their units; and

WHEREAS

The referendum planning committee has developed a proposal for reorganization which includes the structure, mission statements, and resources commitments for two new colleges to replace two existing schools; and

WHEREAS

The referendum planning committee has requested, consistent with the Academic Senate Principles Regarding Academic Reorganization, that the Academic Senate conduct a referendum to approve their proposal for reorganization; therefore be it

RESOLVED

That the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University conduct a referendum on the question:
“Should the University effective Fall 1994, create a new School of Education, comprised of the following units: Administration and Interdisciplinary Studies, Elementary Education, Instructional Technologies, Secondary Education, and Special Education and Communicative Disorders, and a School of Health and Human Services (exact title to be determined), comprised of the following units: Consumer and Family Studies and Dietetics, Counseling, Gerontology, Health Education, Kinesiology, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Recreation and Leisure Studies, and Social Work, with the provision of resources adequate to support all current degree, credential, and certificate programs offered by the listed units, and in accordance with appended statements regarding mission, structure, governance, and resources?”

Yes

No

and be it further

RESOLVED

That for the purposes of the referendum described in the preceding RESOLVED clause, the Academic Senate interprets the phrase "appropriate electorate" for a reorganization referendum referred to in Principle #7 of the Academic Senate Principles Regarding Academic Reorganization (#S92-178), as being all faculty, including academic administrators who have tenure rights, in academic units contained in schools or colleges that would be reorganized; and be it further

RESOLVED

That the electorate for the reorganization referendum be all faculty, including academic administrators who have tenure rights, in the departments or programs currently contained in the Schools of Education; and Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; Leisure Studies (with the exception of Athletics which will report to Student Affairs effective Fall 1994); and Social Work and Gerontology in the School of Behavioral and Social Science; and be it further
RESOLVED That the Academic Senate also conduct an informational preference poll on the same questions among the staff members assigned to the 14 academic units included in the faculty referendum.