

Resolution Number: RS20-398

April, 2020

Whereas:

RATIONALE: Considering the current world-wide pandemic of COVID-19 (the disease caused by SARS-CoV-2), we believe it is necessary for San Francisco State University to take a proactive approach to ensuring the success and safety of its employees and students, and to use its capabilities and resources to contribute to the emergency response and subsequent recovery at the global level.

Whereas:

A highly contagious respiratory disease never before seen by living persons entered the population in November 2019, and has since been responsible for more than; and

Whereas:

There are now (4/14/2020) 598,507 total cases with 25,237 deaths reported in the U.S. (50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas, and US Virgin Islands), with many more cases worldwide; and

Whereas:

Governor Gavin Newsom has ordered Californians to shelter-in-place through at least 7 April, and has ordered schools closed for the remainder of the semester; and

Whereas:

Faculty, staff and administrators have made extraordinary efforts to adapt to working at home and adjusting to delivering an essentially online-only curriculum and completing all University processes that can be carried out remotely; and

Whereas:

Some faculty, staff and administrators continue to work on campus to maintain essential operations; and

Whereas:

Students have been deprived of their on-campus education, housing, meal and recreation expectations; and

Whereas:

The United States, like many other nations, was caught unprepared in its ability to recognize and respond to the pandemic in a timely manner, and has been woefully short on necessary supplies, medical tests, protective equipment, medications and respirators; therefore be it

Resolved:

That every effort will be made to ensure drastically improved sanitation routines, [detail in another resolution] for the duration of the crisis and in preparation for the next inevitable crisis; and be it further

Resolved:

That the University take action now to ensure that no in-person classes are required for the remainder of the semester and for the duration of the crisis; and be it further

Resolved:

That the University investigate the ways in which it is able to offer help in the crisis to affected individuals, through making its facilities available for healthcare workers, individuals needing treatment, isolation or quarantine, and researchers needing laboratory, office space, or information technology; and be it further

Resolved:

All University units immediately suspend all non-urgent meeting, reporting and other activities; and be it further

Resolved:

That the University will continue to take a global leadership role in a broad-based response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and a proactive stance in preparing itself to respond to and mute the effect of any future emergencies of a similar kind; and be it further

Resolved:

That this resolution be sent to the President, Vice Presidents, and Associate Vice President of Facilities Services at San Francisco State University, the Academic Senate Chairs, the CSU Academic Senate, and the Chancellor's Office.
