THE URBAN COUNCIL

Academic Senate Policy Recommendation #F81-84

At its meeting of December 15, 1981, the Academic Senate approved the following proposal for an Urban Council:

I. Purpose

The Urban Council shall be an all-University committee and shall have policy-recommending responsibilities for all aspects of the San Francisco State University Urban Mission Program, including resource allocations. The Urban Council shall solicit advice, recommendations, and criticisms from all members of the University community who want to become actively involved in the Urban Mission. The Urban Council shall provide guidance for the Director of the Urban Mission. The Urban Council shall also work toward creating a network for consultation and planning with Bay Area organizations and those individuals who are willing to participate as partners in the Urban Mission.

II. Membership

The membership of the Urban Council shall consist of:

A) One member, appointed by the President of the University, to serve for a three-year term.

B) One member of the Academic Senate, appointed by the Senate Executive Committee, to serve for one year.

C) Three elected members
One candidate shall be nominated by the faculty of each school, the Library, and Educational Support Services. The Academic Senate shall then elect three from this list of nominees. Members shall have overlapping terms of three years, with the first set of terms to be determined by the number of votes received in the Senate election.

D) One student, selected by the Associated Students, to serve for one year

E) The Director of SFSU Urban Mission activities, ex officio (non-voting)

III. Chair of the Urban Council

The chair of the Urban Council shall be elected from among its voting members.

IV. Frequency of Meetings

The Urban Council shall meet at least three times a semester. The Urban Mission Director shall convene the first meeting of the academic year; subsequent meetings shall be convened by the Chair of the Urban Council.

V. Final Report

At the end of each academic year, the Urban Council shall submit a final report, including recommendations for policy consideration, to the Academic Senate.

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I have reviewed Academic Senate Policy Recommendation #F81-84 and approve it with reservations. The success of the University’s Urban Mission depends upon active involvement by the academic community. Though individual efforts by faculty and staff have certainly supported the idea of Urban Mission, University commitment remains ill-defined. If an Urban Council can bring about a change in this state of affairs, it has my support; but I suggest that a more than another Council is needed.