Resolution Number: RF03-215
September, 2003

Resolution Supporting Voter Registration Campaign

September 8th to the 22nd, 2003, at San Francisco State University

WHEREAS Among the many forms of government with which human beings have experimented, democracy remains the best of the alternatives, and

WHEREAS The heart and strength of an open society result from the widespread participation in civic matters of those eligible to participate, and

WHEREAS A fundamental form of that participation is voting in national, state, and local elections, and

WHEREAS The California Faculty Association and the Associated Students, Inc. will be conducting its 6th non-partisan voter registration campaign at SFSU from September 8th through 22nd, 2003, and

WHEREAS President Robert A. Corrigan and Provost John Gemello have consistently encouraged faculty to participate in this non-partisan civic activity, and

WHEREAS By participating in voter registration, faculty can model the commitment to the society beyond the University that we encourage in community service learning courses, and

WHEREAS Many thousands of SFSU students, faculty, and staff have registered or re-registered during such campaigns in prior years; therefore be it
RESOLVED That the SFSU Academic Senate strongly endorse the non-partisan voter registration campaign of fall 2003, and be it further RESOLVED That the SFSU Academic Senate publicize the dates, times, and places of the voter registration campaign, and urge all faculty to do the same in their classes, and be it further RESOLVED That the SFSU Academic Senate invite all faculty members to participate in staffing voter-registration tables during the voter registration campaign and be it further RESOLVED That the SFSU Academic Senate urge teaching faculty to open their classrooms to voter registration activities in our joint efforts to enable all eligible members of the SFSU community to exercise their right to vote.

***APPROVED by the Academic Senate at its meeting on September 9th, 2003***