Resolution Number: RF03-217
September, 2003

Support for The Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Act of 2004

WHEREAS The Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004 (2004 Statewide School Bond) provides $12.3 billion in general obligation bonds to relieve overcrowding, reduce class size and repair and upgrade California’s elementary, middle and high schools, community colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS The 2004 Statewide School Bond measure is the second half of a two-part statewide education bond package to repair, upgrade and build new school facilities, and the first half of the package (Proposition 47) was approved by California’s voters in 2002, and passage of the second half of the package is equally as important to continue the work we’ve started; and

WHEREAS Within 6 weeks of voter approval of Proposition 47 more than 300 school districts, their school construction and repair projects funded, and the remainder of the 2002 bond funds will soon be exhausted as new classrooms are built and old schools are repaired; and

WHEREAS California has the second most overcrowded classrooms in the country; 22% of all K-12 public school students are on year-round class schedules because there isn’t enough space in overcrowded school districts; and one third of all K-12
classrooms in the state are portable trailers; and

WHEREAS The 2004 Statewide School Bond provides matching funds for school districts that have already or will soon pass local school construction bond measures; and

WHEREAS More than 710,000 new students are expected to seek enrollment at a California college or university by 2010; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University support the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004 as a way to fund the need for facilities facing California’s elementary, middle, and high schools, community colleges, and public universities; and be it further:

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate SFSU urge campus administrators and organizations to increase public awareness of the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004 and its importance to public education in California;

and be it finally:

RESOLVED that this support be communicated to the committee for YES on the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004

*** APPROVED by the Academic Senate at its meeting on September 24, 2003***