RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING THE TRIAL PERIOD FOR THE A.S. INTERNSHIP

RF91-98

At its meeting of October 15, 1991, the Academic Senate approved unanimously the following resolution in support of extending the trial period for the Academic Senate Internship.

WHEREAS The Academic Senate approved a resolution in late Fall, 1990, to encourage student participation on Academic Senate committees through the SFSU Community Involvement Center's (CIC) Volunteer Internship Program; and

WHEREAS The Student Affairs Committee was charged with working with CIC to encourage student participation and evaluate the results; and

WHEREAS The CIC Director has recently presented to SAC, in person, a full and detailed report on the development of the internship and, in the judgment of SAC, the mechanics, policies and procedures involved are clear and sound and, to date, the internship has been successful and valuable for those students and faculty participating; and

WHEREAS Student enrollment to date has been slow enough so as not to overwhelm the Senate by filling all the open student seats quickly; but fast enough (with three inquiries and initial interviews the first semester and ten inquiries and initial interviews the second semester) to instill confidence that student interest is building and will continue to build as the referral and informational network continues to develop; and

WHEREAS The evaluative report originally scheduled to be given to the Senate on the Internship late this fall would only involve data from the one student who participated in the Spring, 1991, and partial data from the three students currently enrolled, making final conclusions about the value of the internship to the Senate and to students premature; therefore be it

RESOLVED That the one year trial period for the internship be extended for an additional year and one-half such that the Student Affairs Committee will make a full report to the Senate by April of 1993, thereby allowing the data from four complete semesters to be reviewed; and be it further

RESOLVED That SAC continue to maintain close contact with CIC regarding the internship and that for the purpose of monitoring developments, an update on the state of the internship be given to SAC by the CIC Director in early Fall, 1992, with a subsequent preliminary description summary being given to the Academic Senate Executive Committee at that time.