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Resolution on Governance in the CSU

At its meeting of March 7, 2000, the Academic Senate unanimously approved the following resolution on Governance in the CSU:

Whereas, The San José State University Academic Senate has prepared and endorsed a white paper entitled, “Out of Crisis—Reforming Governance of the California State University,” which raises several important questions about current governance structures in the CSU, and

Whereas, The white paper seeks to reaffirm principles of shared governance and in particular reasserts that primary responsibility for decision-making concerning such matters as curriculum, methods of teaching, academic and professional standards should rest with the faculty of the CSU, and

Whereas, The role of faculty in governance matters is upheld in both the Board of Trustees 1985 Statement of Collegiality and the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, and

Whereas, The CSU and local campuses are facing crucially important decisions concerning such issues as admission policies, articulation, accountability, and graduation requirements—all the clear purview of faculty in the CSU, therefore be it

Resolved, That the San Francisco State University Academic Senate commend the San José State University Senate for contributing the white paper as a “point of reference in an ongoing conversation” about governance in the CSU, and be it

Resolved, That the SFSU Academic Senate join with the San José, Fresno, Hayward, Pomona, Los Angeles and other CSU campus senates in calling for the creation of a Governance Task Force composed of CSU administration and faculty to review the issues raised in the SJSU white paper, and be it

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be distributed to the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, local campus senates and the Academic Senate CSU.