ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION

(RS11 - 286)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STANDARDIZATION OF

STUDENT RESPONSE SYSTEMS CLICKERS

WHEREAS, student response system, or “clickers?” are being increasingly utilized in the classroom and students purchasing multiple devices drives up the costs of supplemental materials required for all their classes; and

WHEREAS, students having multiple student response systems creates problems for staff and IT at SF State because they cannot share similar technical experiences or support one another to solve issues, which often leads to the student having to manage all of their devices on their own; and

WHEREAS, students having multiple clickers increases the amount of e-waste that SF State generates and contradicts SF State and the city of San Francisco goals of reducing trash levels to Zero Waste by 2020; and
WHEREAS, some campuses in the CSU have already standardized to a single student response systems by having a universal manufacturer and distributor in their campus bookstores and/or auxiliaries; and

WHEREAS, standardized features and hardware will improve technical support from IT departments or from the manufacturer themselves, that allow staff and students to maintain their own Student Response Systems devices; and

WHEREAS, the training and implementation of a single student response system will be streamlined into one device so that more faculty will be able to utilize the technology in their own classroom; and

WHEREAS, that the SF State Academic Senate endorses the work of the California State
Student Association who passed a resolution entitled “Resolution in Support of the Standardization of Student Response Systems” on November 7, 2011; be it further

WHEREAS, that the SF State Academic Senate endorse the work of SF State’s administration, faculty, bookstore and Associated Students of researching, establishing a process and pursuing the standardization of a single student response system for their respective campus; be it further

RESOLVED, that the SF State Academic Senate urges the campus to standardize a student response system or “clicker” to reduce the cost of supplemental materials for their classes; be it further

RESOLVED, that the SF State Academic Senate urges that the selection process of a student response system must meet the ADA requirements to ensure unrestricted access to all students; be it further
***Approved by the Academic Senate at its meeting on April 26, 2011***