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**RESOLUTION ON THE ROLE OF THE UNIVERSITY AT A TIME OF CRISIS IN THE PERSIAN GULF**

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At its meeting of February 5, 1991, the Academic Senate unanimously approved the following resolution on the Role of the University at a Time of Crisis in the Persian Gulf:

**WHEREAS** The historic role of the university calls upon it to examine a broad range of ideas; to honor differences in perspective or point of view; to increase students' awareness and understanding of the complexities of the world they live in; and to provide an opportunity for reflection as well as a forum for discussion and debate; and

**WHEREAS** In the pursuit of its goals of teaching and learning, the faculty of the University can and should bring to bear on issues of global importance the knowledge, research, and services of their disciplines in an attempt to illuminate these issues and enable members of the University community to make informed decisions about action; and

**WHEREAS** The SFSU community, culturally and ethnically diverse, by its very nature embodies a multiplicity of values, beliefs, circumstances, experiences, and perspectives; and

**WHEREAS** SFSU has a long and rich tradition of both protecting individual freedoms and maintaining its sense of community; and

**WHEREAS** The war in the Persian Gulf raises complex political, social, cultural, economic, and moral questions upon which it is possible for reasonable people to disagree, and which deserve deliberate, reasoned, and compassionate examination; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** That the Academic Senate ask all members of the SFSU community to find individual and collective ways to listen, to respond thoughtfully, to recognize the rights of all persons in the community to differ in their views; and be it further

**RESOLVED** That the Academic Senate reaffirm the right of all faculty, administrators, staff, and students to freely express their views on the war as on all other topics, without fear of recrimination on this campus; and be it further

**RESOLVED** That the San Francisco State University Academic Senate express its deep concern for all those affected directly by the war and circumstances in the Persian Gulf; and be it further

**RESOLVED** That the Academic Senate reaffirm the role of the University as an open forum for dialogue, discussion, and debate about the war in the Persian Gulf in the expectation that such activity contributes to both the mission of the University and the peaceful survival of the world around us.