

**Resolution Number:** march152004  
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**Resolution Supporting the March 15, 2004 Rally in Sacramento**

- Whereas** Despite passage of ballot propositions 57 and 58, the CSU continues to be profoundly threatened by the California fiscal crisis; and
- Whereas** The budget reduction projected for SFSU has forced the campus to consider both short-term and long-range cuts that will have permanent effects on academic programs at SFSU; and
- Faculty, staff, administrators and students will suffer from these cuts; and
- Whereas**
- Whereas** Students in the California community colleges organized a highly successful march and rally in Sacramento in spring of 2003, attended by about 7000 students, as a result of which funding for the community colleges was increased by many millions of dollars; and
- Whereas** Students in the California community colleges plan a similar event for March 15, 2004 -- the ides of March; and
- Whereas** Leadership of the Associated Students of SFSU is working on ways in which SFSU students can participate in this event, and organizing means by which students from this campus can attend; and
- Whereas** Brian Murphy, of the SFSU Urban Institute, made a vigorous presentation at the Academic Senate meeting of February 24, 2004, recommending that faculty and campus administrators endorse this activity;
- Whereas** A highly visible presence of CSU students would remind state decision-makers that, like their community college peers, they have profound concerns about the effect on their education of the dwindling state support for higher education in this state; therefore be it
- Resolved** That the Academic Senate of SFSU ask all faculty to tell their students about this event and encourage students to participate in it; and further be it
- Resolved** That students be given any way possible to make up classwork they miss if they attend this event, an example of civic engagement; and further be it
- Resolved** That the Academic Senate of SFSU remind faculty and administrators that even if they cannot attend themselves they can provide financial support for this venture by contributing to the fund established by Associated Students SFSU; and further be it
- Resolved** That the Academic Senate of SFSU thank Dr. Murphy for prompting faculty to act on this matter.
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