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At its meeting of September 27, 2004, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Greathouse for the Executive Committee.

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY'S
2004 CAMPUS-WIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE**

WHEREAS, The 1998 Higher Education Act requires that higher education institutions "make a good faith effort to distribute a mail voter registration form, requested, and received from the State, to each student enrolled in a degree or certificate program and physically in attendance at the institution, and to make such forms widely available to students at the institution;" and

WHEREAS, The mission of the California State University is "to prepare significant numbers of educated, responsible people to contribute to California's schools, economy, culture, and future; to prepare students for an international, multi-cultural society; and to provide public services that enrich the university and its communities;" and

WHEREAS, The mission of San José State University is "to enrich the lives of its students, to transmit knowledge to its students along with the necessary skills for applying it in the service of our society, and to expand the base of knowledge through research and scholarship;" and

WHEREAS, One of the goals of San José State University is to develop "responsible citizenship and an understanding of ethical choices inherent in human development;" and

WHEREAS, Associated Students has passed and implemented a resolution that launches a campus-wide voter registration drive and Get Out the Vote efforts; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate supports and applauds Associated Students' efforts to get students to register and to vote; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of San José State University in conjunction with Associated Students and the Division of Student Affairs encourage all faculty members to promote civic engagement annually, including non-partisan voter registration of students.

Respectfully submitted to the Exec Comm by:

Rachel Greathouse, A.S. President & CEO, Academic Senate Student Senator

Mike Nguyen, A.S. Director of Legislative Affairs, Academic Senate Student Senator

Approved: 9/27/04

Vote: 11-0-2

Present: Veregge, Thames, Heisch, Greathouse, Kassing, Rascoe, Lessow-Hurley, Bros, Van Selst, Maldonado-Colon, Donoho, Nellen

Absent: Goodman

Financial Impact: None