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At its meeting of March 17, 2003, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Annette Nellen for the Budget Advisory Committee.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
URGING THE CSU TO GIVE CAMPUSES MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY
IN DEALING WITH THE BUDGET CRISIS

Whereas   because of the dire fiscal situation facing the state of California, the CSU faces the most serious budget crisis in more than a decade; and

Whereas   without sufficient funding, campuses across the CSU may be forced to cut sections, lay off faculty, delay necessary maintenance and technology/equipment upgrades, and slash student services, steps that could seriously undermine the CSU's commitment to quality and access; and

Whereas   the state budget process has become so politicized that CSU campuses will not be likely to know the size of the budget cuts they must endure in sufficient time to engage in rational planning; and

Whereas   many individual campuses have engaged in creative planning and have devised various proposals for alleviating the budget crisis on those campuses; and

Whereas   the Chancellor's office has opposed some of these proposals; and

Whereas   Principle 10 of the Cornerstones Report (adopted by the CSU Board of Trustees on January 28, 1998) states that "The California State University campuses shall have significant autonomy in developing their own missions, identity, and programs, with institutional flexibility in meeting clearly defined system policy goals"; be it therefore

Resolved,   that the San Jose State University Academic Senate calls upon the CSU to honor Principle 10 of the Cornerstone Report by giving campuses maximum flexibility to pursue ways of generating additional revenue to meet students needs, including but not limited to campus-based student fees.