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At its meeting of September 25, 2006, the Academic Senate passed the following Senate Management Resolution presented by Senator Debra David for the Curriculum and Research Committee.

SENATE MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION
CREATING AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS
TASK FORCE

- WHEREAS:** Interdisciplinary programs are becoming increasingly important in the 21st century because real-world problems cross disciplinary boundaries, and
- WHEREAS:** The Association for American Colleges and Universities and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching have issued a joint statement identifying integrative learning as a necessity and recognizing the value of interdisciplinary studies in promoting such learning¹; and
- WHEREAS:** The SJSU Strategic Plan identifies integrative learning as a goal for Vision 2010; and
- WHEREAS:** There is faculty and administrative interest and support for expanding interdisciplinary programs, as demonstrated by a petition circulated in 2003 which was signed by almost 100 individuals from every College; and
- WHEREAS:** Current interdisciplinary programs at San José State University are handled on an ad hoc basis; and
- WHEREAS:** Interdisciplinary programs pose challenges for our existing policies and procedures, particularly in the areas of faculty appointment, retention, tenure, and promotion; governance; resource
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