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At its meeting on April 6, 1998, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense-of-the-Senate Resolution presented by James Brent for the Organization and Government Committee.

**SENATE MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION
DISSOLUTION OF STUDENT HONORS COMMITTEE
AND MODIFICATION OF CHARGES OF
UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND GRADUATE STUDIES AND
RESEARCH COMMITTEES**

Whereas, The number of full-time faculty members eligible to serve on University committees has decreased in recent years, and

Whereas, At least one additional operating committee, an Assessment Committee, will soon be formed, and

Whereas, The primary responsibility of the Student Honors Committee is the staging of the Honors Convocation, and

Whereas, The task of staging the Honors Convocation is mostly administrative in nature, and

Whereas, The Provost's office has agreed to take on the responsibility of staging the Honors Convocation, and

Whereas, Although the Student Honors Committee is formally charged with the responsibility of reviewing departmental honors programs and establishing criteria for student honors, it does not in fact perform those functions, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Student Honors Committee be dissolved at the end of the 1997-98 Academic Year, after the Chair submits a final annual report; be it further

Resolved, That the charges of the Undergraduate Studies Committee and the Graduate Studies and Research Committee be modified as follows:

Undergraduate Studies Committee -- Reviews and coordinates the undergraduate curriculum and its development; advises on policies relevant to undergraduate education; formulates or considers and makes recommendations on policy for awarding honors to undergraduate students; and reviews and makes recommendations on proposed departmental honors programs.

Graduate Studies and Research Committee -- Recommends policies and policy changes pertaining to graduate studies and research (including issues relating to intellectual property); Reviews proposals for new graduate degree programs and new organized research units; Conducts reviews of existing organized research units; Reviews entries for outstanding thesis awards, formulates or considers and makes recommendations on policy for awarding honors to graduate students, selects students to represent SJSU at the CSU Student Research Competition, and reviews applications for the Pre-Doctoral Program, Forgivable Loan Program, and any similar program; Establishes guidelines for format and style for master theses and projects; and Encourages and facilitates the development, administration, promotion, and recognition of research at San Jose State University.