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At its meeting of November 22, 2004, the Academic Senate passed the following  
of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Veregge for the Executive Committee

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING AN ANNUAL FORUM ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

Whereas, Academic freedom is essential to the mission of a university  
research is fundamental to the advancement of truth. Academic freedom  
in its teaching aspect is fundamental for the protection of the  
teacher in teaching and of the student to freedom in learning. It can  
with its duties correlated with its rights.

Whereas, The charge of the Board of Academic Freedom and Professional  
Responsibility (BFR) includes educating the academic community  
academic freedom and professional responsibility by disseminating  
Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility policies and  
work<sup>2</sup> k

Whereas, For the past several months, the Senate Chair has been working  
members of BFR and other interested faculty in creating a first forum  
academic freedom, which can be used as a framework  
where the SJSU community can learn of new developments (such as  
AAUP statements and court cases) in the area of academic freedom, learn  
of new issues, and have an opportunity to discuss the topics as relevant  
teaching, learning and research at SJSU.

Whereas, The date for the first annual forum on academic freedom has been set for  
February 11, 2005 from 10 a.m. to noon and the SJSU Chapter of the  
California Faculty Association and Associated Students are  
being co-sponsors with the Senate and assisting in the event plan  
therefore be it resolved

Resolved, That the Academic Senate support and encourage the BFR to begin  
annual forums on academic freedom to enable the academic community  
to be k  
these important topics.

<sup>1</sup> American Association of University Professors, 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure;  
available at <http://www>

Resolved, That the Senate Chair have the ongoing responsibility of working with members and representatives from co-sponsor CFA and Associated Students and other interested faculty staff and students to ensure that a forum on academic freedom is held annually and publicized to the campus.

Vote: 12-0-0

Present: Veregge, Singler, Heisch, Thames, Ashton, Maldonado-Colon, Phillips, Van Selst, Bros, Lessow-HurleyKassing

Absent: Greathouse, Lee, Donoho

Financial Impact: Minimal. CFA has volunteered to cover the annual costs of coffee handouts and providing food.