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At its meeting of October 22, 2007, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Michael Kaufman for the Curriculum and Research Committee.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION

SJSU Response to the Proposed Differential Fee Increase for Graduate Business Degrees in the CSU

Whereas, at the Board of Trustee's meeting in September the issue of a graduate fee for M.B.A. students of \$210 per semester unit was on the agenda as an information item with the expectation to become an action item at their January meeting; and

Whereas, the reasons for the implementation of the professional fee for M.B.A. students are fiscal challenges that affect practically all programs in light of insufficient state support; and

Whereas, the implementation of differential fees would be precedent setting and have far broader implications on the mission of the CSU than merely meeting the fiscal exigencies of a single program; and

Whereas, consultation regarding the M.B.A. differential fee increase has taken place almost exclusively among business faculty, deans of business schools and colleges, and the top leadership of CSU campuses; be it therefore

Resolved, that the Academic Senate CSU in conjunction with the Chancellor's Office convene a Task Force including faculty members from a variety of disciplines to analyze the crisis of insufficient funding for Undergraduate and Graduate programs in the CSU; and be it further

Resolved, that the Task Force evaluate the impact of differential fee increases by discipline or program on the mission of the CSU; and be it further

Resolved, that the Task Force be charged to evaluate how student fees are raised, what criteria are employed to determine what categories or disciplines have differential increased fees imposed, and if imposed how are the fees returned to the campuses and academic programs; and be it finally

Resolved, that the SJSU Academic Senate recommends that the Board of Trustees not approve any differential fees until after the Task Force completes its report; be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be sent to the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor's Office, the Academic Senate CSU, the California State Student Association, and all CSU campus senates.

Approved: October 1, 2007
Present: Michael Kaufman, Bob Cooper, Wynn Krohn-Schultz, Malu Roldan, Elba Maldonado-Colon, Lennon Prothro-Jones, and María Romo.
Absent: Bill Nance, Dominique Von Hooff
Vote: 10/0/0
Financial Impact: Borne by the CSU AS and Chancellor's Office
Workload: Borne by the CSU AS and Chancellor's Office