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**SS-S10-1, Sense of the Senate Resolution, In Support of an
Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU)
Nominee as CSU Faculty Trustee**

Legislative History: At its meeting of February 8, 2010, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Lessow-Hurley for the Executive Committee.

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In Support of an Academic Senate of the California State University
(ASCSU) Nominee as CSU Faculty Trustee**

RESOLVED: That the San José State University (SJSU) Academic Senate endorse the Academic Senate CSU decision to unequivocally support the two qualified CSU Faculty Trustee nominees put forward to the Governor in accordance with ASCSU procedures and State law; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the SJSU Academic Senate urge the Governor to fulfill his statutory responsibility to select one of the two nominees as the next faculty trustee for the term that was to have begun July 1, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the SJSU Academic Senate add its voice to that of the Academic Senate CSU in urging that the CSU Board of Trustees act as an advocate for shared governance and support the appointment of one of Academic Senate CSU's duly selected nominees and to the extent permissible by law, use its influence to encourage the Governor to appoint; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the SJSU Academic Senate express its support for the leadership of the Academic Senate CSU in efforts to pursue strategies that will result in the appointment of one of the current nominees; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the text of this resolution be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate CSU; John G. Cruz, Appointments Secretary, Office of the Governor; the chairs of the Assembly

confirmed by 2/3 of the Senate, (d) a student trustee appointed by the Governor from a panel of three nominees selected by the student association, and (e) a faculty trustee appointed by the governor from a panel of at least two nominees selected by the Academic Senate California State University.

Although the Governor and his 16 direct appointees enjoy a 68% majority on the 25-trustee Board of Trustees, Education code section 66602 specifically and explicitly requires that the Governor must appoint a faculty trustee who has been nominated by the ASCSU. This gives the faculty only 4% of the Board's voting power. While this is miniscule in the light of the fundamentally academic nature of the CSU enterprise as well as traditions of faculty governance spanning more than a thousand years, this is what the Legislature has given the faculty by statutory mandate, and is the only substantive power to which the faculty is presently entitled at this highest level of governance of the CSU system.

As it has biennially for many years, the ASCSU complied with its statutory duty under Education code section 66602 in March 2009 and presented the Governor with its panel of nominees for the faculty trustee position. But the Governor failed to comply with his