

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6

**San José State University  
One Washington Square  
San Jose, CA 95192**

7  
8  
9

**AS 1887 Sense of the Senate Statement of Solidarity with the Sonoma State Community**

7 **WHEREAS**, the California State University System (CSU) is made up of 23 individual  
8 campuses and each campus has a unique history and educational environment; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the CSU is to:

- 10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21
- To advance and extend knowledge, learning, and culture, especially throughout California.
  - To provide opportunities for individuals to develop intellectually, personally, and professionally.
  - To prepare significant numbers of educated, responsible people to contribute to California's schools, economy, culture, and future.
  - To encourage and provide access to an excellent education to all who are prepared for and wish to participate in collegiate study.
  - To offer undergraduate and graduate instruction leading to bachelor's and higher degrees in the liberal arts and sciences, the applied fields, and the professions, including the doctoral degree when authorized.
  - To prepare students for international, multi-cultural society.
  - To provide public services that enrich the university and its communities.

22 **WHEREAS**, the CSU system has projected substantial budget shortfalls currently and in the  
23 immediate future. CSU management has projected a significant state funding shortfall of  
24 roughly \$400 million – \$800 million for the 2025-26 academic year to the estimated  
25 operating budget of \$8.3 billion<sup>1</sup>.

26 **WHEREAS**, given budgetary constraints and enrollment challenges, on Wednesday 22  
27 January, Sonoma State University (SSU) Interim President Cutrer, in cooperation with the  
28 CSU Chancellor's office, eliminated 23 academic programs, closed 6 departments, merged  
29 another 7 departments, and terminated all of SSU's NCAA Division II athletic programs; and

30 **WHEREAS**, These changes are expected to precipitate substantial negative impacts on SSU  
31 students, staff, and faculty. Additionally, Rohnert Park, SSU's hometown, is anticipating  
32 substantial economic impacts from these cuts<sup>2</sup>; and

---

<sup>1</sup> From the CFA <https://www.calfac.org/governors-proposed-state-budget-makes-cuts-to-the-csu/#:~:text=CSU%20management%20has%20projected%20a,operating%20budget%20of%20%248.3%20billion.>

From the CSU <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/about-the-csu/budget/Documents/current-budget/2025-26-operating-budget.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Windsor, S. (2025, January 27). Rohnert Park mayor, businesses respond to Sonoma State University cuts. *The Press Democrat*

33  
34 **WHEREAS;** The Academic Senate of CSU Stanislaus recently passed a resolution of support  
35 for Sonoma State University; and

36 **WHEREAS:**, The Academic Senate of San Jose State University (SJSU) joins our CSU  
37 Stanislaus colleagues to support SSU students, faculty, and staff impacted by these changes;  
38 therefore be it

39 **RESOLVED**, the Academic Senate of SJSU urges Chancellor Garcia, Interim President Cutrer,  
40 and CSU leadership to employ collaborative decision-making for all proposed changes going  
41 forward. Collaborative, consensus-driven processes ensure that diverse voices are included in  
42 consequential decisions. Collaborative decision-making promotes equity, fairness, and  
43 balanced outcomes; CSU leadership should also strive to establish responsible, resilient, and  
44 healthy financial policies and restrain unnecessary administrative spending and expansion  
45 when funding is sufficient. and

46 **RESOLVED**, that the SJSU community, in solidarity with SSU, urges Interim President  
47 Cutrer and Chancellor Garcia to reconsider the proposed changes at SSU and commit to  
48 restarting the process using consensus-building decision-making ; and be it finally

49 **RESOLVED**, that this resolution be distributed to the following with request to share widely:

- 50 - Governor Gavin Newsom
- 51 - Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis
- 52 - Senate Pro Tem Mike McGuire
- 53 - Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas
- 54 - Senate Education Committee Chair Al Muratsuchi
- 55 - Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Chair Scott Wiener
- 56 - Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee 1 Chair John Laird
- 57 - Assembly Higher Education Committee Chair Mike Fong
- 58 - Assembly Budget Committee Chair Jesse Gabriel
- 59 - Assembly Budget Subcommittee 3 Chair David Alvarez
- 60 - CSU Board of Trustees
- 61 - Chancellor Mildred Garcia
- 62 - Academic Senate of the CSU Chair Elizabeth Boyd
- 63 - California State Students Association President Iese Esera
- 64 - Interim SSU President Emily Cutrer
- 65 - SSU Academic Senate Chair Emily Acosta Lewis
- 66 - California Faculty Association
- 67 - California State University Employees Union
- 68 - Teamsters Local 2010
- 69 - UAW - Academic Student Employees