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**SS-S26-1, Sense of the Senate Resolution, On Timely
Submission of Agenda Materials in Accordance with Senate
Standing Rule 6 and Principles of Transparent Governance**

Legislative History:

On April 13, 2026, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Elahi for the Organization and Government Committee.

Whereas, Senate Standing Rule 6(a) states that *“Items for inclusion on the agenda should be presented to the Academic Senate office by the Tuesday prior to a scheduled meeting,”* thereby establishing a clear expectation for the timely submission of materials intended for Senate consideration; and

Whereas, timely submission of agenda items and supporting materials enables Senators to review proposals carefully, consult with constituents, and participate in informed and meaningful deliberation consistent with principles of shared governance; and

Whereas, consistent and predictable deadlines promote fairness, transparency, and respect for the time and labor of Senators, Senate staff, presenters, and members of the campus community; and

Whereas, although the Academic Senate of San José State University is not legally subject to the California Brown Act (California Government Code §54950–54962), the Brown Act provides a widely recognized framework for transparent public deliberation, including advance notice of agenda items and meaningful opportunity for review; and

Whereas, adherence to established agenda deadlines reflects the Senate’s commitment to similar principles of transparency, accountability, and good governance; therefore be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of the Academic Senate of San José State University that all Senators, committees, administrators, and guests should adhere to Senate Standing Rule 6(a) by submitting items and supporting materials for inclusion on the Senate agenda no later than the Tuesday prior to a scheduled Senate meeting; and be it further

Resolved, that the Senate affirms that timely distribution of agenda materials is essential to maintaining transparency, supporting informed deliberation, and upholding the integrity of shared governance processes; and be it further

Resolved, that while urgent matters may occasionally necessitate late submissions, such instances should be rare, clearly identified as exceptional, and handled in a manner that preserves fairness and transparency in Senate proceedings.

Approved: March 9 , 2026

Vote: 11-0-2 (yay, nay, abstain)

Present: Baur, Chander, Charles, Elahi, Hackman, Ionescu, Jochim, Kataoka, Munoz-Munoz, Porter-Parees, Saleh, Siebert

Absent: Pruthi