

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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January 22-23, 2009

Energy Conservation, System Sustainability, and System Cost Savings

- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (CSU) recognize that the most significant energy savings are to be realized by systemic action at the campus facilities level and urge that campuses take action to achieve these savings; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the CSU urge all CSU campus communities (faculty, staff, students, and administrators) to use precious energy resources responsibly; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the CSU distribute this resolution to Campus Presidents and Senate Executive Committees.

RATIONALE: The CSU system currently uses approximately 742 million kWh of electricity yearly. Current system-wide expenditures are estimated at approximately \$70 million dollars yearly. This represents a significant cost to the system. Increased energy costs are not automatically increased through state funding. As an institution of higher education, the CSU should be a role model in energy conservation, sustainability and fiscally responsible to citizens of California.

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