

Resolution to Endorse the Support of Civic Engagement at CSUSM

WHEREAS, A key component of Cal State San Marcos' mission statement is to create a distinctive university known not only for academic excellence, but also for playing a vital role in its broader community; and

WHEREAS, A key aspect of our community involvement requires training students to become responsible and engaged participants, volunteers, and leaders within the community; and

WHEREAS, Becoming engaged community members demands that individuals learn to examine issues, voice opinions, and participate civilly in social and political discourse; and

WHEREAS, The American Democracy Project, a non-partisan initiative promoted by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), has provided leadership and support toward these ends; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate reaffirms its commitment to guide students in their development toward taking the social responsibility expected of educated men and women through a range of activities on campus including, but not limited to the following:

Continually encouraging on-campus mechanisms for voter registration;

Providing an academic environment conducive to civil political discourse;

Bringing civic issues inside the classroom while encouraging students to increase their civic engagement beyond the classroom; and

Voicing its support for CSUSM's joining of the American Democracy Project, support which entails:

- Coordinating a campus conversation to develop our institution's vision of civic engagement and developing CSUSM's own goals toward the advancement of that vision.
- Developing and planning programs and activities to achieve our established goals. These may incorporate curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular campus activities.