Resolution Urging the Creation of a Study Group to Explore Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) at CSUSM

WHEREAS, The Office of Extended Learning has, in conjunction with CSUSM faculty, proposed that CSUSM offer for-credit courses that would become part of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) curriculum at CSUSM; and

WHEREAS, The University Curriculum Committee has questions about how to treat the courses proposed since, while they are not part of a minor or major program, they are clearly a defined sequence of courses which lead to a professional goal; and

WHEREAS, There exist arguments about the benefits of Army ROTC training and about the opportunities a CSUSM-based Army ROTC program will provide for many CSUSM students; and

WHEREAS, There also exist concerns about whether the presence of Army ROTC on campus would conflict with CSUSM statements on non-discrimination; and

WHEREAS, All of these issues deserve to be explored and widely discussed in a manner befitting an institution of higher learning; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate CSUSM ask the provost to work with them to set up a study group to meet during fall 2008 which will look into all issues surrounding for-credit, CSUSM-based Army ROTC courses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee – using the study group as a vehicle – will seek to engage the CSUSM community in a civil and wide-ranging discussion of this issue; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee will re-agendize the issue of for-credit, CSUSM-based Army ROTC courses no later than February 2009.