

**Resolution in Support of Findings and Recommendations of Data Reconciliation  
and Analysis Subcommittee of BLP**

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of the California State University San Marcos believes that our institution's budget allocations should in fact reflect our institutional mission and priorities;

WHEREAS, In the spirit of shared governance, a subcommittee of the CSUSM Academic Senate's Budget and Long Range Planning (BLP) committee, the Data Reconciliation and Analysis Subcommittee, including representation from the Academic Senate and from the CSUSM administration, invested a great deal of time and effort into examining issues of import regarding the reporting and funding of instruction; and

WHEREAS, The results of that collegial collaboration resulted in two reports, "The Student Faculty Ratio and Related Issues" and the "Three-Year FIRMS Comparison Study: Final Report," each of which utilized rigorous methodologies, and each of which brought to our attention concerns relative to the funding of instruction; and

WHEREAS, Each report identified areas in which improvements could be made to further advance the support of instruction at CSUSM; and

WHEREAS, Representatives of both faculty and administration are in accord in providing these analyses and a series of recommendations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of California State University San Marcos thank all members of the subcommittee—Wayne Aitken, Matt Ceppi, Charles De Leone, Mohammad Oskoorouchi, Bill Ward, and Daniel Zorn—for their fine work and continued commitment to shared governance on this campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of the California State University San Marcos endorse the findings and recommendations of these reports; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Academic Senate of the California State University San Marcos urge the University to seize on the unprecedented findings of these reports and on the historic opportunity provided by the announcement of restoration funding to sufficiently fund instruction on this campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of the California State University San Marcos urge both the University, and Academic Affairs to use these findings and recommendations to inform budget decisions and resource allocations at the university; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of the California State University San Marcos, pursuant to the subcommittee's recommendation, request that the President include in her charge to the University Budget Committee (UBC) consideration of the FIRMS report's spending analysis in its ongoing work; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Budget and Long-Range Planning (BLP) Committee work with the CSUSM Administration in appropriate venues to begin implementing the recommendations of these reports to ensure that our institution's budget allocations reflect our institutional mission and priorities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That BLP participate in and provide recommendations for the construction of the Academic Affairs budget in close consultation with the Provost and for the construction of the University's budget in close consultation with the President in order to facilitate mutual understanding of complex Academic Affairs issues, as well as University-wide issues, affecting budget decisions.