

SDSU University Senate Resolution Condemning the Expansion of Administrative Policies Undermining the Right to Peaceful Campus Protest

WHEREAS, the California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Office and San Diego State University (SDSU) Administration have drafted new overly restrictive policies and amendments that impinge on the eroding democratic rights to assemble and protest on campus;

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) and SDSU Senate leadership received these revised policies during the summer when faculty and students are away and with extremely short notice:

- Tuesday, August 6, 2024, ASCSU Chair Elizabeth Boyd received a draft of the *California State University [INTERIM] Systemwide Time, Place and Manner Policy* for review and feedback, which she forwarded to the ASCSU Executive Committee on August 7, 2024;
- Friday, August 16, 2024, SDSU Senate Chair Nola Butler Byrd received SDS U's *San Diego State University Addendum to CSU Systemwide Time, Place and Manner Policy and Building and Grounds Regulations*;

WHEREAS, the SDSU Senate condemns the lack of shared governance in the development of these policies and the lack of faculty, staff and student involvement in the implementation and enforcement in the SDSU amendment plan;

WHEREAS the SDSU Senate supports the American Association of University Professors' (AAUP) condemnation of the wave of policies being implemented on campuses across the U.S.¹

WHEREAS, the SDSU University Senate reaffirms its strong commitment to shared governance;

RESOLVED, That the Senate supports students' First Amendment rights to protest and engage in direct actions condemning acts of terrorism, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide against all people, as well as the erosion of democracy, equity and social justice;

RESOLVED, The Senate demands that these policies be fully vetted using shared governance processes and be put on hold until this happens;

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<https://www.aaup.org/news/aaup-condemns-wave-administrative-policies-intended-crack-down-peaceful-campus-protest>

RESOLVED, The Senate urges SDSU, CSU, and San Diego-area administrations to engage in the difficult conversations and mediations necessary to end and avoid policies that erode democracy and the right to protest, which exacerbate and trigger additional violence and suffering.;

RESOLVED, The Senate calls for the SDSU Administration to employ peaceful responses rather than deploy police on campus to address peaceful student actions given that police presence on campuses across the nation has led to an escalation in violence and inhibited open and peaceful dialogue.

Rationale

These policies appear to be an attempt to appease politicians who are calling for university administrators to use heavy-handed strategies against faculty and student protestors.

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