Committee on Planning and Budget Resolution on the 2005 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) and its Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

Resolution:

Whereas a careful physical development and land use plan is essential for UCSC to realize the academic benefits of growth,

Whereas the Academic Senate's Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) has found the analysis in the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) of the impact of the draft 2005 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) on traffic and housing may be flawed,

Whereas the CPB has found that the impact of growth under the LRDP on vehicular traffic delays may be significantly more severe than estimated in the draft EIR,

Whereas the administration has not analyzed the costs to be borne by student, staff, and faculty users of the parking facilities proposed in the draft EIR,

Whereas the CPB finds no analysis in the draft EIR to counter CPB's estimate that the land set aside for employee housing under the LRDP may be inadequate for the number of units needed, Whereas the administration has not analyzed the factors affecting the affordability of proposed on-campus housing,

THEREFORE BE IT

resolved that the Academic Senate calls upon the UCSC administration to refrain from transmitting the LRDP/EIR to the University of California Regents for approval until the apparent errors and omissions cited in this resolution have been addressed;

resolved that the Academic Senate calls upon the UCSC administration to transmit the LRDP/EIR to the Regents no earlier than the November 2006 Regents meeting unless an earlier submission is endorsed by the Senate Executive Committee;

resolved that the Academic Senate calls upon the UCSC administration to provide to the Senate Executive Committee, at least two months in advance of the transmittal of the LRDP/EIR to the University of California Regents, a public written response to the apparent errors and omissions cited in this resolution;

resolved that the Academic Senate requests the Senate Executive Committee to determine, if possible, within two months after receiving such a response, whether the errors and omissions cited have been addressed satisfactorily and to make public its views in that regard.