To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

The issues addressed by this resolution are discussed in the June 2004 CPB Report: http://senate.ucsc.edu/cpb/CPBGroRptS041430.pdf

This resolution is being put forward in the name of individuals because the 21,000 student enrollment target recommended by the Strategic Futures Committee was put forward too late for action by last year's Senate and was subsequently incorporated in the draft LRDP before any of this year's committees have had the opportunity to act. We seek the endorsement of additional individuals before the November 19 Senate meeting, where there will be a motion to move this item forward on the agenda so that it can be debated on the floor.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the campus has no academic plan that would justify the adoption of a growth target 21,000 students (or any other number), as the basis for a new LRDP and

WHEREAS, the absence of an academic plan makes it impossible to address the programmatic, funding, and environmental conditions under which growth beyond the present cap of 15,000 students would make the campus better, rather than worse and

WHEREAS, the proposed target of 21,000 students was adopted by the campus administration without the endorsement of any Senate Committee and without consideration by the Division as a whole and

WHEREAS, this decision was made during a hiatus in campus leadership that is expected to end with the appointment of a new Chancellor and

WHEREAS, there is no compelling reason for the campus to go forward with a new enrollment target prior to the appointment of a new Chancellor,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the UCSC Division of the Academic Senate declines to endorse the proposed increase of the campus enrollment cap to 21,000 students (or any other number) until such time as appropriate Senate committees have reached agreement with the incoming campus administration about the planning conditions (programmatic, budgetary, and environmental) under which growth beyond the present enrollment cap would improve the quality of the campus as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Meister, former CPB Chair
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