RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE PROPOSED SITE
FOR CSUF’S NEW SOUTH COUNTY CAMPUS
Source: Academic Senate Executive Committee 3-12-09

Resolved: The Academic Senate opposes the selection of the proposed Irvine Spectrum site for CSUF’s new south county campus.

Rationale:

a. The building is a commercial building that was not originally designed for university instruction and, as a result, will require substantial and expensive renovations to make it instruction ready at the same time as we are deferring similar on-campus projects; it is expected that the renovations will cost 2.5 million dollars—renovations which may not all be completed before August 2009 when fall instruction begins;

b. Parking is both insufficient and problematic and could require an expensive shuttle service (estimated cost per year: $250,000) to help mitigate this deficiency;

c. The building is much larger than what we currently occupy in the south county, and this will likely cause pressure on departments to expand their south county offerings at the same time as we have reduced significantly our on-campus offerings;

d. The building is surrounded by non-university tenants not used to an academic presence and this could cause strained relations with our neighbors.

Academic Senate approved 3-12-09
[Roll call vote: 16 in favor; 12 opposed; 6 abstentions]