DATE: May 30, 2002

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr., Chancellor

SUBJECT: SPECIAL Support for Congressional Legislation authored by Representative Robert Underwood (Resolution No. 020530-S4)

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islanders are one of the fastest growing minority populations in the United States, and yet they are left behind in numerous programs which help minority students bridge the gap to higher education attainment; and,

WHEREAS, The College Board and various federal officials report that there are major disparities in income and education attainment among various subpopulations of Asian and Pacific Islanders; and,

WHEREAS, the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders recognized the need to establish a designation of Asian American and Pacific Islander Serving Institutions as a focus for outreach, employment, recruitment, research, and program development; and,

WHEREAS, Titles III and V of the Higher Education Act were established to aid colleges and universities to expand educational opportunities for financially needy and minority students.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Community College District supports legislation authored by Representative Robert Underwood to provide the Department of Education with the authority to designate within Title III of the Higher Education Act, Asian American and Pacific Islander Serving Institutions, enabling higher education institutions with significant representation of Asian American and Pacific Islander American students within their undergraduate student population to improve their capacity to provide higher education opportunities to disadvantaged Asian American and Pacific Islander students.

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