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23 campus groups planning protest if war breaks out

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SANTA CRUZ — Members of 23 campus organization debated for more than four hours Thursday night before deciding to call for a two-day voluntary shutdown of UC Santa Cruz if America goes to war with Iraq.

"It was a pretty amazing meeting," said Julie Marten, spokeswoman for Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility, which engineered the gathering Thursday. "The one thing I was very impressed by was that every organization there was terribly upset and every organization was supporting a shutdown."

A new group called Coalition Against the War was forged during the meeting, said Marten, with seven organization immediately becoming members and 14 others agreeing to vote on membership in the next few days.

Andy Shaw, president of the UCSC Student Association, endorsed the coalition, said Marten. Other organizations attending the meeting ranged from Bisexual and Loving Individuals to the Student Rights Group.

Here is the resolution that was hammered out at the meeting:

"We the Coalition Against the War resolve that in the event of a shooting war in the Persian Gulf we shall call for a shutdown of UCSC for two days.

"The shutdown will not be accomplished by use of force and will be accompanied by teach-ins, draft counseling, conscientious objection training and massive mobilization of protests."

Marten said a recent survey of faculty and staff



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Tony Newman staples posters calling for a march Sunday protesting U.S. Persian Gulf policy.

leads her to believe there will be widespread support for the shutdown.

In addition, a committee has been formed to talk with all faculty members in the next week to ask them to cancel classes during the two-day walkout.

Marten emphasized that the financial aid department had assured students that even a weeklong shutdown would have no effect on grants, scholarships or financial aid packages.

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— Student proclamation