San Jose State University has been an Academic Affiliate since 1990. In recent years, SJSU has weathered a series of program adjustments and faculty changes but is clearly on a firm foundation and is on a well conceived program trajectory. Several years ago there were leadership issues that threatened the vitality and viability of the SJSU program in the atmospheric sciences. However, SJSU has made the needed leadership changes, has promoted its well regarded scholars, has hired promising young faculty and has expanded its instructional offerings; emphasizing weather, atmospheric processes and chemistry and climate.

The program is well supported via research grants obtained via grant support received via ambitious research proposal writing and solid scholarly productivity. Publications in the peer reviewed literature are increasing and papers are being presented at national meetings by the faculty and students at SJSU. This will help expand the graduate program and offer opportunities for SJSU undergraduates to move on into graduate school not only at other institutions but at SJSU as well.

The graduation rate of SJSU undergraduate majors in meteorology has fluctuated but the program is well positioned to continue and expand. The expansion of the program name to include “climate” will attract a different type of student and become a feeder into national graduate level programs.

The SJSU program is meeting program and institutional challenges and is prospering. We see a program that is dynamic and well conceived. We recommend that the SJSU application for continued membership in UCAR as an Affiliate be approved without reservation.