RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CAMPUS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN FOR PEACETIME EMERGENCIES

Background: In accordance with Title 5, California Administrative Code, Section 41302 (pertaining to campus emergencies) and Section 42402 (pertaining to the President's responsibility for campus welfare, etc.), the President is to establish a plan that directs campus services and its population in response to peacetime emergencies. The existence and design of such a plan has become essential given the tentative completion and operation of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

All agencies and offices of cities, counties, and those of the State and Federal governments within the Emergency Planning Zone are to have a plan to prescribe the actions required to preclude or minimize radiation exposure and related health hazards in case of an accident. Such plans are requested by Federal and State regulatory agencies: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and State Office of Emergency Services (OES).

California Polytechnic State University must have a plan that not only fits within the larger operational plan of the County, but one that provides a specific organizational structure for the campus. While preparing a document meeting the nuclear power related issues, standard operating procedures (SOP's) for other emergency conditions have also been addressed.

A Disaster Preparedness Committee was formed by the President with the charge to draft a plan meeting the demands noted above. The draft Campus Disaster Preparedness Plan that was circulated to all Deans, Division Heads, Department Heads, etc. on November 19, 1981 is the result of this committee's report. We commend the committee for its work on behalf of the campus community, but find that the following concerns must be brought forward and addressed.

WHEREAS, Neither students nor faculty were included among the ten people selected for the Disaster Preparedness Committee which drafted the Disaster Preparedness Plan for Peacetime Emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Neither students nor faculty were consulted on the plan while it was being drafted; and

WHEREAS, Publicity of the draft Disaster Preparedness Plan has been so poor that few on campus are even aware of its existence; and
WHEREAS, The worth of the plan cannot be ascertained without the specific operational guidelines which are not yet publicly available; and

WHEREAS, Each campus department is responsible for formulating and maintaining its own operating procedures in the event of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, The campus Disaster Preparedness Plan and the San Luis Obispo County/Cities Basic Plan for Peacetime Emergencies rely upon each other to be put into effect; and

WHEREAS, The material which is publicly available in the Disaster Preparedness Plan such as that section entitled "Operational Plan for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant Accident" is grossly inadequate; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate considers that both the procedural and substantive aspects of the present draft Disaster Preparedness Plan are deficient, and as such should not be considered an operational plan; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate urges the President not to implement the Disaster Preparedness Plan in its current form; and be it also

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate urges the establishment of a task force representing the entire university community to review the draft Disaster Preparedness Plan and present its findings to the President.

APPROVED January 19, 1982