RESOLUTION ON APARTHEID

WHEREAS, The Government of South Africa, through its policy of apartheid, has and continues to deny political and human rights and economic opportunity to its black citizens solely on the basis of race; and

WHEREAS, The Government of South Africa, through its policy of apartheid, severely restricts the political and human rights and economic opportunities of its Asian and Coloured (Mixed Race) citizens solely on the basis of race; and

WHEREAS, The system of apartheid has been repeatedly condemned as morally repugnant by the United States government and the governments of an overwhelming majority of the world's nations; and

WHEREAS, The South African Government continues to practice, promote, and publicize its apartheid policies despite worldwide condemnation; and

WHEREAS, American corporate investment in South Africa serves to bolster the apartheid-dominated economy, and provide critical support for the present regime's continued refusal to extend political rights to the overwhelming majority of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, The current state of affairs in South Africa has reached such a level as to ban press and news coverage from that country; and

WHEREAS, The 30-year American corporate presence in South Africa has failed to significantly modify apartheid or provide economic benefits for the nation's black, Asian, and Coloured majority; and
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WHEREAS, The California Polytechnic State University, through its Foundation, presently holds $847,000 in stock in corporations which operate in South Africa; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California Polytechnic State University recommend that the Foundation divest itself of these holdings until the affected corporations end their participation in the South African economy or until the South African government dismantles the present apartheid system and allows all of its citizens full political rights and economic opportunity.
Memorandum

To: Lloyd Lamouria, Chair
   Academic Senate

From: Warren J. Baker
      President

Subject: ACTIONS OF ACADEMIC SENATE AT ITS JANUARY 14 MEETING

This note will provide a written response to your memo of January 17, 1986 which reported upon the actions of the Academic Senate on January 14.

The items will be handled as follows:

1. General Education and Breadth Requirements

   In accordance with previous agreements on the administration of the General Education and Breadth program, this material will be forwarded to the Provost and Vice Provost.

2. Resolution on Removal of Ceiling on Replacement of Instructional Equipment

   I will forward this resolution to Vice Chancellor, Business Affairs Dale Hanner.

3. Resolution on Apartheid

   I will forward the resolution to the Foundation Board of Directors.
To: Howard West, Chairman  
Board of Directors  
Cal Poly Foundation

From: Warren J. Baker  
President

Subject: ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION ON APARTHEID

Date: February 5, 1986

On July 2, 1985, I forwarded a resolution of the Student Senate requesting that the Foundation divest its stock holdings in companies doing business in South Africa because of the South African government's policy on apartheid. I am transmitting to you a similar resolution adopted by the Cal Poly Academic Senate recommending that the Foundation divest itself of stock in companies which operate in South Africa because of the South African government's policy on apartheid.

There is great concern in the academic community, as well as general public concern, about the apartheid policy of the government of South Africa. The practice of apartheid is inconsistent with our view of the dignity of man and the basic human rights that should be afforded to all people irrespective of race. As an academic community and as a nation, we are frustrated with our inability to effect rapid and total change of practices that deny basic human rights. I personally support efforts that persuade and pressure South Africa to adopt policies that assure human rights to all.

Divestment of stock in U.S. companies that do business in South Africa is a popular proposal across the nation in an attempt to bring public pressure to bear on the South African apartheid system. While recognizing that any action by the Foundation Board of Directors to divest would be insignificant in bringing pressure on either the companies or the South African government, nonetheless, it would allow us to join in making a statement about our strong feelings on the matter.

Having said this, the University community recognizes its mission is education and any action taken by the University that would diminish our ability to carry out our educational mission would be inconsistent with our responsibilities to students.

I know that the Foundation Board of Directors will give careful consideration to this matter and that the Directors must weigh their fiduciary responsibilities along with the University's desire to make a public statement.