Adopted March 4, 1986

ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California

Background:

The Ad Hoc Committee on Women's Issues has deliberated and unanimously agreed a standing committee of the Academic Senate be established. Status of Women Committee is a proper title for the committee. The committee is envisioned to be an on-campus focal point for issues of special importance to women. It will fill a void in our current structure.

AS-198-86/AHCFI

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WOMEN

WHEREAS, No central point exists on this campus for collection and dissemination of information concerning issues of importance to women; and

WHEREAS, This campus lacks a women's studies academic program and a women's studies resource center; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for a more complete program of counseling and advising women reentering the work force or to prepare alumnae for entry into non-traditional fields; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate establish a standing committee to be identified as Status of Women Committee.
Memorandum

To: Lloyd H. Lamouria, Chair
    Academic Senate

From: Warren J. Baker
      President

Date: April 23, 1986

File No.: Academic Senate

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Subject: Status of Women Standing Committee and the Bylaws for the Committee

I am pleased to endorse the Academic Senate Resolution to establish a standing committee on the status of women. It is timely and appropriate that such a committee exist.

There are some points regarding the resolution on bylaws for which I would like clarification before extending my endorsement to that resolution also. First, since membership in the Academic Senate is restricted to one non-voting representative of temporary academic employees appointed quarterly, I am curious why the proposed committee franchises a part-time faculty member. The second point has to do with the ambiguity of the committee responsibilities. In my opinion the effectiveness of the committee could be improved by more clarity as to its function.
Date: March 14, 1986

To: Warren J. Baker, President

From: Lloyd H. Lamourié, Chair

Subject: Proceedings of the Academic Senate, March 4, 1986

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WOMEN (AS-198-86/AHCW1) and RESOLUTION ON BYLAWS FOR THE STATUS OF WOMEN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE (AS-201-86/C&BC)

The attached two resolutions leading to, and establishing an Academic Senate standing committee on Status of Women, were both adopted unanimously. This is truly a step forward for our campus! In substantive and probing discussions with some of our campus women, I am impressed by both their need and their positive outlook. My comment to them has been that once male-female equality is achieved, there would no longer be need for the committee. I have had concurrence with this premise and to date this concept has not been challenged.

In the Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws, there is no built-in sexual bias. It is our cultural heritage which tends to slow the progress of equality. Formation of this standing committee on women will be helpful in overcoming cultural bias.

Your wholehearted approval followed by implementation of committee goals is recommended.

Attachments