WHEREAS, Funding for higher education in the State of California is an unprotected category in the state budget; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State funding levels of financial aid for students are seriously threatened, and a decrease in funds from those sources could result in a larger portion of the Cal Poly budget being used for financial aid; and

WHEREAS, The current Cal Poly budget does not provide sufficient funds to maintain, replace, or upgrade the equipment needed for instructional programs; and

WHEREAS, Reduced or even constant levels of funding threaten to diminish the quality of education at Cal Poly, and such funding levels would greatly inhibit Cal Poly's ability to meet the educational demands of the future; and

WHEREAS, Enrollment growth at Cal Poly is an expectation of the Governor and the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Increased enrollment at Cal Poly will cause significant stress on the infrastructure of the University; and

WHEREAS, The Cal Poly Plan is an effort to address the above concerns, and it offers the flexibility for Cal Poly to respond to additional challenges; and

WHEREAS, The Cal Poly Plan is being developed through a collaborative process involving all constituents of the University; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly support the continued development of the Cal Poly Plan provided that revenues generated through this plan will not be used to reduce funds allocated to Cal Poly from CSU sources; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly support the continued development of the Cal Poly Plan provided that any savings resulting from innovative efficiencies in its operations be dedicated to reducing the fees charged to the students or to the local enhancement of educational quality; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly support the continued development of the Cal Poly Plan provided that the priorities of use of the additional revenues raised by this plan be determined through a collaborative process that involves all constituents of the University; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly support the continued development of the Cal Poly Plan provided that a process be established to evaluate the effectiveness of the Plan and allow for adjustments of the Plan in order to maintain and enhance educational quality; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly encourage the Cal Poly community to work together to develop a Cal Poly Plan that meets the conditions of this Resolution.

Proposed by the Academic Senate Budget Committee
November 7, 1995
Thank you very much for forwarding to me the Academic Senate Resolution 450-95/BC on the Cal Poly Plan. I would like to express my thanks to the Senate and to the Senate Budget Committee for studying and debating the issues the University Community is attempting to address through development of the Cal Poly Plan. I would also like to express thanks for this resolution's indication of support for continued development of the Cal Poly Plan and for its helpful recommendations regarding the method and conditions for such further development. The Senate may be assured that its recommendations will be studied and weighed very carefully as work to develop the Cal Poly Plan goes forward.