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

AS-454-96
RESOLUTION COMMENDING
STEVEN MARX

Background Statement: Steven Marx has been actively involved in trying to prevent (or minimize) the environmental damage which will result from having the State Water Project pipeline run through the Cal Poly campus and he has generated significant interest and support for preserving the campus environment. An agreement had been reached with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to stop work on the pipeline construction pending discussions with Cal Poly concerning appropriate environmental safeguards. Dr. Marx was concerned that the construction crew would ignore the stop order and begin construction anyway. He arrived early on Thursday morning, March 21, and discovered that construction was about to begin in spite of the stop order. He informed Frank Lebens and stood in front of the bulldozer in order to prevent the continuation of the construction. Steven took considerable risk to himself but was successful in preventing further construction. As a result of these actions an agreement was reached that would reduce the environmental damage to the campus.

WHEREAS, Steven Marx has significantly raised the awareness of environmental issues on the Cal Poly campus; and

WHEREAS, Steven Marx has helped create an alliance of faculty, staff, students, administration, and community members to preserve the environmental at Cal Poly; and

WHEREAS, Steven Marx has taken actions at considerable personal risk; and

WHEREAS, These actions have helped reduce the scope of environmental damage to the campus; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Steven Marx be commended and thanked for his work on behalf of the campus environment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be permanently recorded in the Minutes of the Academic Senate.

Proposed by the Academic Senate
April 2, 1996