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ACADEMIC SENATE OF CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNP/ERSITY San Luis Obispo, California

AS-459-96/LRPC RESOLUTION TO APPROVE POLICY AND REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly approve the attached Policy and Review

Procedures for Discontinuance of an Academic Program; and, 'be it further

RESOLVED: That the attached Policy and Review Procedures for Discontinuance of an Academic

Program be forwarded to the President and Yice President for Academic Affairs for

approval and implementation.

Proposed by the Academic Senate Long-Range Planning Committee February 15, 1996 Revised May 21, 1996 AS--159-96/LRPC: Revisions to Resolution' to Approval Policy and Review Procedures for Discontinuance of an Academic Program

> Revision of March 20, 1997 by the Academic Senate Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee

POLICY AND REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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The following procedures have been developed in response to EP&R 79-10, January 26, 1979, Chancellor Dumke to Presidents, "Interim Policy for the Discontinuance of Academic Programs," and EP&R 80-45, June 12, 1980, Vice Chancellor Sheriffs to Presidents, "Clarification of Interim Policy for Discontinuance of Academic Programs." These documents outline general procedures for program discontinuance and request that campuses submit local discontinuance procedures.

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The Provost will review the proposal for discontinuance and accept or reject the proposal either reject the proposal of begin the discontinuance process within three calendar weeks, If the request for review is approved If the discontinuance procedure is to begjin, a discontinuance review committee will be appointed within the next three calendar weeks after approval, to conduct a review in accordance with the procedures outlined in this document and make recommendations to the Provost as required by the CSU Chancellor's Office.

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The discontinuance review committee will consist of two groups appointed by the Provost in consultation with the Chair of the Academic Senate.

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- 4. a three-year history of the student-faculty ratio, and the total cost per FTEF and per FTES for the program at Cal Poly and at other instrutions offering comparable similar programs;
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- C. If not contained in A or B:
 - 1. FTEF required each quarter for the past three years
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8. Recommendations: The Provost, the Academic Deans' Council, and the Academic Senate make recommendations to the President.

NOTE: A calendar week is five working days. Calendar weeks exclude summer breaks quarter and the breaks between quarters.

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Memorandum

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To: Harvey Greenwald, Chair

Academic Senate

Academic Senate_{Date:}

September 23, 1996

From:

Warren J. Baker

President

Copies; Paul J. Zingg

Glenn W. Irvin Michael Suess Carlos Cordova

Subject; Initial Response to AS-459-96/LRPC Resolution to

Approve Policy and Review Procedures for Discontinuance of an Academic Program

This is in response to the above subject Academic Senate resolution. The following are a number of initial observations of this Resolution. However, based upon the complexities involved, further administrative review by the Academic Deans' Council Faculty Affairs, and University Legal Counsel must be conducted. This review will begin this Fall Quarrer.

General Comments:

Throughout the document. references to the Vice President for Academic Affairs should be revised to refer to the *Chief* Academic Officer.

References to "school" should be revised to refer to colleges or other appropriate units.

Department "heads" should be revised to "chairslheads."

The process and information required by this policy should be consistent with the resolutions on external program review, the information required for program and course proposals, and the requirements of the Program Review and Improvement Committee.

Specific Comments:

Opening paragraph, sentence 2: as proposed. there is only one condition for discontinu::mcereduction of financial support. There could be others, some of them voluntary, such as loss of student enrollments. As an example, in the past, *this* policy was used to discontinue the master's degree in Chemistry at the request of the Department.

I. Procedures

A. Initiation of a discontinuance proposal. This section states that a proposal to discontinue an academic program will ordinarily be the result of a regular program review. However, the opening paragraphs propose that discontinuance will occur only when there is a reduction of financial support.

The first bulleted item differentiates programs and departments, and requires a vote of the tenured and tenure-track faculty in those departments to instigate a special review. This may result in procedural difficulties if a program includes more than one department.

- B. "\vill review the proposal for discontinuance" revise to "will review the proposal for special revie\v."
- C. The first group: 2: Two members of the Deans Council. The Deans Council's membership includes individuals who are not college deans. If the membership of this committee is intended to include college deans specifically, then please revise accordingly.

The second group: "Faculty representatives involved in the program,"--something has been omitted from this statement. Should it be item 4?

Last sentence in this section: revise to read: "There will be at least one faculty member from each program involved if more than one program is being revie\ved." Ho\vever, this requirement could make the memberships of these comInittees very complex. It is not merely a case of adding faculty members, but affects Items 1, 2, and 3 as well if the programs include more than one department and college.

D. Recommendations from the committee:

First sentence: "merits or lack of merit," revised to "strengths and weaknesses."

Paragraph 2, sentence 1: "terminated," revise to "discontinued."

Paragraph 3: it is not clear who "all faculty members" in Sentence One refers to--all faculty members on the committees? Or in the affected programs/departments? Or in the University? Item 5 of the timetable suggests this may be all faculty members in the University.

Last par3graph in item D:

Sentence 1' the "eleven members" could be considerably larger given the conditions for membership set forth in Item C.

Sentence 2: it is not clear who the "other groups" are.

Reference to the document produced by the State Analyst: *this* is desirable, but perhaps not achievable. The State Analyst is a disinterested party; the document called for in this paragraph \vill not be produced by disinterested parties.

The process set forth in *this* paragraph may be workable, but it is not certain that the two groups can produce the report called for, or that it would not result in unnecessary bitterness and acrimony that could be avoided by having the two reports forwarded to the *Chief* Academic Officer, who will then have them reviewed according to the proposed procedure.

II. Considerations in Program Discontinuance Review

- Item 2: "program to meet the identified needs," revise to: "program in meeting its goals and objectives."
- Item 4: FTEF and FTES data from comparable programs in other institutions might be difficult to obtain. Funher, it might be problematic if the programs are not identical.

Item j: "sifts," revise to "changes."

J. Information for Program Discontinuance Revie\v

B. Sentence 1, revise to: "The most recent report of external revie\v, if a program is accredited or approved."

A "panel of professionals outside the CSU." This condition needs to be consistent with the requirements for external program review, \vhich may include reviewers from CSU institutions.

1. FTEF "required. It is not clear what "required" means in this context.

Time Table for Program Discontinuance

- Item 6: "produce a critique of the arguments," revise to "produces a critique of the fmdings."
- Item 8: as the title to the items suggests, the Academic Senate \vould make "recommendations" to the President, not "a recommendation.."

I would appreciate the Senate's review and comments to the above suggestions.

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Memorandum

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To: Anny Morrobel-Sosa, Chair

Academic Senate

Academic Senate Date:

September 22, 1997

From:

Cc:

Paul J. Zingg

Harvey Greenwald

Subject:

AS-459-96/LRPC, Resolution to Approve Policy and

Review Procedures for Discontinuance of an Academic

Program

President

Based upon the additional review conducted by the Academic Senate this past academic year on this Resolution, based upon the initial response to this Resolution dated September 23, 1996, I am approving this Resolution, subject to the following editorial changes:

1. Section ID, first sentence of the third paragraph: delete the words "members community". This change will make this sentence more clear.

2. Section IIIC1, replace the word "required" with "allocated and used." The word "required" is unclear in

3. In the Time Table for Program Discontinuance, replace the word "produce" with "produces."

Please extend my appreciation to the Academic Senate and members of the Long-Range Planning Committee for the work they have accomplished in improving this document.

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Adopted: May 27,1997

ACADEMIC SENATE Of CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY San Luis Obispo, CA

AS-482-97/LRPC

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO AS-459-97/LRPC "POLICY AND REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM"

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly approve the attached revisions to the Policy and Review Procedures for Discontinuance of an Academic Program (AS-459-96/LPRC) passed by the Academic Senate on May 21, 1996; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the attached revisions to Policy and Review Procedures for Discontinuance of an Academic Program (AS-459-96/LRPC) be forwarded to the President and Provost for approval and implementation.

Proposed by: the Academic Senate Long-Range

Planning Committee

Date: May 2 7, 1997

Revisions to AS-459-96/LRPC: Resolution to Approval Policy and Review Procedures for Discontinuance of an Academic Program

Revisions of May 27, 1997 (per AS-482-97/LRPC) to

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