WHEREAS, Current State funding does not provide sufficient funds to maintain the quality of education at Cal Poly; and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly has instituted a new source of additional funding through the Cal Poly Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Cal Poly Plan and the Cal Poly Strategic Plan identify the mission, objectives, and goals for maintaining quality education at Cal Poly into the 21st century; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the allocation of Cal Poly funds should be explicitly based on the goals and objectives identified in the Cal Poly Plan and the Cal Poly Strategic Plan; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That measures for the assessment of the ability of programs to meet these goals and objectives be in place before funds are allocated to those programs; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That all programs selected for funding be given an adequate base of support over a reasonable period of time to allow them to attain their objectives; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the University community work together in an interdisciplinary spirit to determine those areas which will receive additional funding above the base support; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That those areas receiving funding above the base support level be given sufficient funding to allow them to make significant progress toward meeting their goals; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That those programs receiving additional funding share the information learned from their experiences with the rest of the University community; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate or its designee(s) participate in the development of the budget policies and of budget models, and have continuing input into the distribution of the Academic Affairs' budget.

Proposed by the Budget Committee
April 30, 1996
Revised November 12, 1996
Thank you for your memo of December 4, 1996, which transmitted Academic Senate Resolution (AS-469-96/BC) on Allocation of Cal Poly Funds.

I appreciate receiving this resolution of the Senate's support of the goals and objectives of the Cal Poly Plan and the Strategic Plan of the University. I particularly note the resolution's focus on cooperation and consensus-building in order to strengthen the University's efforts to sustain educational quality. With your and the vice chair's membership on the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee, you are aware that the Senate's position is in full support of the efforts and intentions of the Steering Committee in implementing the Cal Poly Plan.

With regard to the last RESOLVED clause in this resolution calling for the Senate's participation in the development of budget policies and models, the Academic Senate is being consulted as we develop and implement a new universitywide standing committee, the University Budget Advisory Committee. I have requested that Provost Zingg consult with you and the Senate in the development of the committee's structure and responsibilities.

Please express my appreciation to both the Academic Senate and the members of the Academic Senate Budget Committee for their efforts.