WHEREAS, The actual student enrollment at Cal Poly exceeds the student enrollment funded by the CSU; and

WHEREAS, The State funding per student and the actual per student cost of educating a student at Cal Poly are diverging; and

WHEREAS, The current student enrollment at Cal Poly is at or near the master plan facility capacity during the academic year; and

WHEREAS, Increasing student enrollment without sufficient increases in the budget and facilities will seriously impair the quality of the Cal Poly academic programs; and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly's success and reputation is based in large part upon its polytechnic emphasis, and polytechnic programs by their very nature are more expensive than most other programs in the CSU system; and

WHEREAS, State funding which is largely based on a per student allocation that does not recognize the differences in instructional costs of various programs, and this funding policy is jeopardizing Cal Poly's ability to continue to offer quality academic programs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Cal Poly should strive to have its actual enrollment equal to its funded enrollment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That once the actual and funded enrollment equilibrium has been established, future enrollments should not exceed the funded enrollments; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Cal Poly should endeavor to balance its enrollment so as to minimize the year-to-year fluctuation of new students; and be it further

RESOLVED: That future enrollment should not exceed the physical capacity of the campus; and be it further

RESOLVED: That all future enrollment growth be predicated on the existence of adequate facilities and sufficient financial support; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the State Legislature and the CSU Administration be encouraged to fund Cal Poly programs at a level closer to their actual cost, rather than on a system-wide per student basis.

Proposed by the Academic Senate Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee
November 4, 1997
I am pleased to approve the Academic Senate Resolution on Enrollment, AS-486-971B&LRPC. I appreciate the Senate's support of the University's long-range enrollment planning principles and direction. Please express my thanks to both the members of the Academic Senate and the Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee.