RESOLUTION ON PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN ENROLLMENT GROWTH AT CAL POLY

Background: In concert with the current Cal Poly Master Plan Update, the Budget & Long Range Planning Committee of the Academic Senate was asked to review two documents from the past and to update them as needed to reflect today's concerns. The two documents that were reviewed were:

1. Academic Senate resolution AS-279-88/LRPC, Resolution on Enrollment Growth to 15,000 FTE and Beyond, adopted: March 8, 1988; and
2. Demographic Factors Affecting Cal Poly Enrollment, dated February 8, 1988. The Committee felt that most of the text of the original documents was still relevant and elected to re-emphasize what it felt to be some important basic principles that should be considered whenever enrollment growth is discussed.

WHEREAS Cal Poly is engaged in a major update of its Campus Master Plan; and

WHEREAS Enrollment growth will have significant impacts upon academic quality, facilities utilization, and resource allocations; therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly endorse the following principles:

1. That enrollment growth at Cal Poly should not adversely affect academic quality.
2. That enrollment growth at Cal Poly should not adversely affect the academic progress of those students who were enrolled at the time of growth.
3. That enrollment growth at Cal Poly should be fully funded for any additional students admitted (either on this campus, at satellite facilities, or at programs taught through distance learning or other technological means).
4. That enrollment growth at Cal Poly should not occur until the facilities needed (including instructional facilities, housing, and parking) to support the additional students are in place.
5. That enrollment growth at Cal Poly should occur in planned phases to allow for analysis of the effect of this growth on the campus.
6. That enrollment growth at Cal Poly should reflect and maintain Cal Poly's role as a polytechnic university and the adopted mission statement of the University.
7. That enrollment growth at Cal Poly must be sensitive to Cal Poly's impact on its surrounding communities and environment.

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To: Myron Hood  
Chair, Academic Senate

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-524-99/B&LRPC, Resolution on Principles to Govern Enrollment Growth at Cal Poly

I am pleased to approve this Resolution and would like to thank the Budget and Long Range Planning Committee and the Senate for their thoughtful consideration of the academic implications for possible enrollment growth. The principles noted in this Resolution are welcome as timely input into the Long Range Enrollment Plan. They will be helpful as the University proceeds with its development of a new Master Plan. By a copy of this memorandum, I am asking that Dr. Dalton insure that the principles be incorporated with other principles suggested by the campus and community task forces during Spring 1999.

Again, please express my appreciation to both the Academic Senate and the members of the Budget and Long Range Planning Committee for their efforts.