WHEREAS, Students are greatly affected by the decisions and/or policies adopted by the Academic Senate of Cal Poly; and

WHEREAS, Students comprise the largest sector of Cal Poly and are the end beneficiaries of its curriculum and all other academic matters; and

WHEREAS, Groups represented in the Academic Senate (including the students) are likely to participate more vigorously in its deliberations if they are given an equal say (proper parliamentary procedure ensures students an equal say); and

WHEREAS, Student input has proven valuable and has informed the Academic Senate of student opinion on matters affecting Cal Poly; and

WHEREAS, Student input is necessary and valuable to the Academic Senate when deciding policies that have both short and long term effects on student life; and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of the California State Universities have entrusted their student bodies with the privilege of a vote in their respective Academic Senates; and

WHEREAS The granting of voting status to students on the Academic Senate would make students co-creators of their academic environment thereby increasing student accountability for said environment; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly send to the General Faculty a proposed revision of Article III.1.d of the current Constitution of the Faculty to include the President and Vice President of Associated Students, Inc., or designees thereof, as ex officio, voting student representatives, and revise Article II.A.2 of The Bylaws of the Academic Senate to accommodate the constitutional amendment.

Proposed by: Associated Students Incorporated of Cal Poly
Date: January 4, 2000
Revised February 14, 2000
Constitution of the Faculty

Article III. The Academic Senate

Section 1. Membership

a. Each college shall elect three senators, plus one senator for each thirty faculty members or major fraction thereof. Any academic unit not housed within a college, which is otherwise not represented within the Academic Senate, shall have an opportunity to obtain representation in the Senate and/or university committees through a petition to the Academic Senate Executive Committee. The unit, upon petition, may be allocated one senator for each thirty full-time faculty members or major fraction thereof who are solely affiliated with that unit.

b. Designated personnel in Professional Consultative Services (excepting directors) shall be represented in the Academic Senate by the formula of one senator per each fifteen members, or major fraction thereof:

   (1) Full time probationary or permanent Librarians; and
   (2) Full time probationary or permanent (a) Counselors; (b) Student Services Professionals [SSPs] 1-,11-, and III-academically related; (c) SSPs and IV; (d) Cooperative Education lecturers; (e) physicians; and (f) full time coaches holding a current faculty appointment of at least one year.

c. Senators acting in an at-large capacity are the immediate Past Chair of the Academic Senate and the CSU statewide academic senators.

d. Ex officio, voting members are the President and Vice President of Associated Students, Inc. or their designees.

e. Ex officio, nonvoting members are (1) the President of the university or designee, (2) the ProvostVice President for Academic Affairs or designee, (3) one representative from among the academic deans, and (4) the President and Executive Vice President of ASI designees, and (5) the Vice President for Student Affairs.
II. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. Elected Members
   Elected members shall be full-time members of the General Faculty who have been nominated and elected in accordance with Article VII Section m of these Bylaws. Elected members shall be voting members.

2. Ex Officio Members
   Ex officio members shall be nonvoting unless specified in Article m.1.d. of the Constitution.

3. Representative of Temporary Part-time Academic Employees
   A nonvoting member representing temporary part-time academic employees shall be appointed each quarter or for the academic year contingent upon the representative's continuing appointment.
I acknowledge receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate Resolution.

Senate members are to be commended for passing a Resolution that acknowledges the importance of student involvement and voice in matters of the University, which affect their educational experience.