Adopted: May 7,2002

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

AS-589-02/CLA

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE STATUS FOR LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Liberal Studies program is presently an academic unit located in the College of Liberal Arts, and

WHEREAS, A status change from Liberal Arts program to Liberal Arts Department is being proposed, and

WHEREAS, The only functional modification in changing to department status is a change in "rank and pay" for the program from "coordinator" to "department chair" (no change will occur in staffing, number of students, location of unit, or curriculum; only a slight change in budget will occur to augment the change from coordinator to department chair), and

WHEREAS, Said change in status has been approved by the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) department chairs, CLA College Council, CLA Curriculum Committee, CLA Dean, and Academic Senate Curriculum Committee, and is being concurrently reviewed by the Academic Deans' Council; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly endorse that the Liberal Studies program be changed to an academic department; i.e., Liberal Studies Department.

Proposed by: College of Liberal Arts
Date: April 24, 2002

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California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

March 6, 2002

To: Provost Zingg and Academic Senate Chair Unny Menon

Via: David Conn, Vice Provost

Via: Deans' Council

Via: Harry Helle ran ean LA

Via: CLA Council Susan Currier

This is a request to change Liberal Studies from--in Contract terms-an "equivalent unit" to a department. It has a major, faculty lines (two to three, with one tenured), a director, an *OlE* budget (@l1K), majors (@400), an advisor, full-time office staff, autonomous academic and personnel review procedures, and an office suite (thanks to CoSaM); it also administers several hundred thousand dollars in grants.

It is a crucial program that "interfaces" between the arts and sciences, on the one hand, and UCTE. on the other. Why the change? If it smells like a department, walks like a department, and behaves like a department, then it should be a department.

Functionally, what will this change effect? The director will become a chair; and the equivalent unit will leave limboland for department status. Budget does not change much since that is linked to HC and FfES, and those are relatively fixed in the college. Liberal Studies oversees and staffs its own course designators now and will continue to do so, while seeking agreements from other departments to staff their courses that LS students enroll in. Conceivably, either as an "equivalent unit" or a department, faculty may be added; but this conversion in status does not affect or regulate that decision.

Sincerely,

R. Cichowski

Robert S. Cichowski, Director
Liberal Studies Program

State of California
Memorandum

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To: UnnyMenon
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: July 18, 2002

From: Warren J. Baker
President

Copies: P. Zingg
H. Hellenbrand
R. Cichowski

Subject: Response to Senate Resolution AS-589-02/CLA
Change Administrative Status for Liberal Studies Program

This will formally acknowledge receipt and approval of the above subject Resolution. In addition to the Senate's endorsement of the administrative change of the Liberal Studies Program to Department, the Academic Deans' Council endorsed the proposal at its May 6,2002, meeting. Notification has been provided to Dean Hellenbrand, as well as to the Department, and it is effective with the beginning of Summer Quarter 2002.

Please extend my thanks to the Senate for its prompt attention to this matter.