Rationale: Proposition 47 (Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Act of 2002) allows the State of California to issue $13.05 billion in general obligation bonds for the construction and renovation of public elementary, secondary, and higher education facilities throughout the state. The need for such funding is acute at all levels of education which face dramatic enrollment growth over the next decade. The proposition specifically would provide $496 million to the CSU.

WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of students in the CSU system, and at Cal Poly in particular, come from the public schools of California; and

WHEREAS, The current overcrowding at K-12 public schools in California is hindering student success; and

WHEREAS, The deteriorating condition of many public school buildings in California makes them unsafe for use by students; and

WHEREAS, Public schools throughout California are in need of substantial funds to improve the infrastructure of the schools in order to meet student growth and modernize the current facilities, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly support the passage of Proposition 47 in the November 5 election; and, be it further

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly direct its chair to write a letter to the local newspapers expressing its support and asking for public support of this proposition; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly send a copy of this to the Yes on 47 Campaign and to the Academic Senate CSU.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: September 24, 2002
To: Unny Menon
    Chair, Academic Senate

From: Warren J. Baker
    President

Date: October 18, 2002

Copies: P. Zingg

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-590-02/EC
Resolution on Support for Proposition 47
(Kindergarten-University Public Education Act of 2002)

This will acknowledge receipt and approval of the above subject Resolution. I appreciate very much the Academic Senate’s support for the passage of Proposition 47. This bond is critical for the future of education in California. The Senate’s recognition of such is duly noted.