Adopted: May 8, 2007

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

AS-655-07

RESOLUTION ON CONSOLIDATION OF ACADEMIC SENATE FAIRNESS AND STUDENT GRIEVANCE BOARDS

1 2 3	WHEREAS,	The Student Grievance Board was established in 1998 to hear "student grievances concerning faculty that do not involve grade appeals and are not covered by existing policies" (AS-500-98/ETF); and
4 5 6	WHEREAS,	The Student Grievance Board has never heard a case; and
7 8 9	WHEREAS,	The service culture of the University is best served by a committee structure that is compact and robust;
10 11 12 13	WHEREAS,	The Fairness Board has well-defined procedures for handling grade disputes that can be easily modified to deal with disputes currently under the purview of the Student Grievance Board; and
14 15 16 17	WHEREAS,	No significant amount of additional work will accrue to members of the Fairness Board if the responsibilities of the Student Grievance Board are delegated to the Fairness Board; and
18 19 20 21	WHEREAS,	There is no mention of the Student Grievance Board on any of the website students would likely consult when seeking dispute resolution (e.g., Dean of Students, OSRR, Academic Programs); therefore be it
22 23	RESOLVED:	That the Student Grievance Board be abolished; and be it further
24 25 26 27	RESOLVED:	That the Fairness Board assume the responsibilities of the Student Grievance Board effective immediately; and be it further
27 28 29	RESOLVED:	That all references to the Student Grievance Board be removed from the Academic Senate bylaws; and be it further
30 31 32	RESOLVED:	That other University documents, including websites, shall be revised immediately to reflect this change; and be it further
33	RESOLVED:	That the bylaws description of the Fairness Board be revised as follows:

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35		a. Membership
36		The Fairness Board shall consist of one tenure or tenure track faculty
37		members from each college and one tenure or tenure track member from
38		Student Affairs, all appointed by the Chair of the Academic Senate for two
39		year terms include two student members selected by the ASI with no less
40		than junior standing and three consecutive quarters of attendance at Cal
41		Poly preceding appointment. The Board shall also include as an ex officio
12		member the Vice President of Student Affairs or designee.
43		b. The procedures to be followed and the problems to be considered shall be
14		approved by the Academic Senate and published as a document entitled
45		Fairness Board Description and Procedures. Changes in the document
1 6		shall be made by the Senate upon recommendation of the Fairness Board.
1 7		The Board shall report to the <u>Provost and</u> Academic Senate <u>Chair</u> ;
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1 9		and be it further
50	DEGOLUED	
51	RESOLVED:	That the Fairness Board shall develop new procedures consistent with this change
52		and with Title V, Article 2, Section 4130l; EO 320, 969 and 970; CAM 684; and
53		all other relevant policies; and be it further
54	DECOLVED.	
55	RESULVED:	That these new procedures encourage the informal resolution of a student
56		grievance concerning an instructor within the instructor's department with the
57		possible later involvement of the Dean of Students; and be it further
58 59	DECOLVED.	That these navy precedures provide that if informal resolution is not possible that
59 50	RESULVED.	That these new procedures provide that, if informal resolution is not possible, that such a grievance may be presented to a hearing of the Fairness Board; and be it
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53	RESOLVED:	That these new procedures should permit a student to bring to the hearing a
54	RESOLVED.	supportive advocate but not an attorney or legal advisor; and be it further
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56	RESOLVED:	That these new procedures emphasize impartiality, confidentiality, and due
57		process defined as the student's right to be notified and be heard.
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Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee Date: April 3, 2007 Revised: April 20, 2007 Revised: May 8, 2007

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Resolution on Consolidation of Academic Senate Fairness and Student Grievance Boards

I acknowledge receipt and approval of the above-entitled Academic Senate Resolution and agree that the consolidation of these two committees into one will better serve the students.