

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

**AS-681-09**

**RESOLUTION ON MODIFICATION TO THE  
BYLAWS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:  
REVISION TO MAKE THE POSITION OF ACADEMIC SENATE CHAIR  
AN AT-LARGE POSITION**

- 1 WHEREAS, The position of Academic Senate Chair requires both significant experience in the  
2 Senate and serious commitment to it as an institution; and  
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- 4 WHEREAS, The term of office for Academic Senate Chair is limited by the bylaws restriction  
5 placed on Senate membership as stated in Article II.B: “A senator can serve a  
6 maximum of two [two-year] consecutive, elected terms and shall not again be  
7 eligible for election until one year has elapsed”; and  
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- 9 WHEREAS, It is often not until the third or fourth year of a senator’s term that a senator has  
10 acquired enough experience to serve as Academic Senate Chair; and  
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- 12 WHEREAS, It would be beneficial if that individual were able to serve as Academic Senate  
13 Chair for more than one to two years; therefore be it  
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- 15 RESOLVED: That the position of Academic Senate Chair become an at-large position rather  
16 than a college caucus position, thereby allowing each college complete voting  
17 representation; and be it further  
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- 19 RESOLVED: That the at-large position of Academic Senate Chair be a nonvoting position  
20 except when the Chair’s vote is needed to break a tie; and be it further  
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- 22 RESOLVED: That the position of Academic Senate Chair have a term limit of three one-year  
23 consecutive terms; and be it further  
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- 25 RESOLVED: That Article III.1.(d) of the *Constitution of the Faculty* be revised to read:  
26 “Senators acting in an at-large capacity are the current Academic Senate Chair,  
27 the immediate Past Academic Senate Chair, and the CSU academic senators. All  
28 at-large positions shall be voting positions except for the Academic Senate Chair  
29 which is a nonvoting position except when the Chair’s vote is needed to break a  
30 tie”; and be it further  
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- 32 RESOLVED: That Article II.B of the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate* be divided into “1. Terms  
33 of Office for Senators” [will contain the current bylaws wording under Terms of

34 Office] and “2. Terms of Office for Academic Senate Chair” [will add a second  
35 paragraph as worded in the following Resolved clause]; and be it further  
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37 RESOLVED: That Article II.B.2 of the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate* read: “Once a senator is  
38 elected to serve as Academic Senate Chair, that senator becomes an at-large  
39 member of the Academic Senate and the position vacated becomes a college  
40 vacancy to be filled by the college caucus. The elected term of office for  
41 Academic Senate Chair shall be a maximum of three one-year consecutive  
42 terms”; and be it further  
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44 RESOLVED: That Article I.B.5 of the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate* be revised to read:  
45 “College Caucus: All of the senators from each college and Professional  
46 Consultative Services shall constitute the caucus for that college or Professional  
47 Consultative Services. Part-time academic employees and at-large members of the  
48 Academic Senate shall not be part of any college caucus”; and be it further  
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50 RESOLVED: That Article IV.C of the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate* be revised to read:  
51 “Terms of Office: Each officer shall be elected by the voting members of the  
52 Academic Senate for a one-year term...The only limitation to the number of terms  
53 a senator may hold office as Vice Chair or Secretary are the eligibility  
54 requirements in Article II.A of these bylaws and the terms of office restrictions in  
55 Article II.B.1 of these bylaws. The number of terms a senator may hold office as  
56 Academic Senate Chair is set forth in Article II.B.2 of these bylaws.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee  
Date: February 17 2009  
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State of California  
**Memorandum**

To: John Soares  
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: March 26, 2009

  
From: Warren J. Baker  
President

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-681-09  
Resolution on Modification to the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate*: Revision to Make the  
Position of Academic Senate Chair an At-Large Position

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I acknowledge receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.