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

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RESOLUTION ON ARCHIVING SENIOR PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Each academic department determines the standards for the successful completion of senior projects, including style guides; and

WHEREAS, Each academic department determines whether or not to archive senior projects in the Kennedy Library; and

WHEREAS, The Kennedy Library provides guidelines for formatting and archiving senior projects; and

WHEREAS, In order to ensure faculty and students are aware of departmental and library policies governing the submission and archiving of senior projects; and

WHEREAS, Graduate thesis submissions to the library have already made the advantageous transition to “electronic-documentation-only”; and

WHEREAS, Undergraduate students already compile and prepare their senior project using electronic media for printing multiple hardcopies, as the current campus-wide normal practice; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate recommends the rapid transition to electronic submission of senior projects for archival in our Library “Digital Commons” or equivalent, as the new norm to enhance easier global access and the sustainability improvement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That all academic departments make available to their students in writing all policies and procedures relevant to archiving senior projects; and be it further

RESOLVED: That all policies and procedures shall conform to current Kennedy Library archiving requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: All departmental policies and procedures for archiving senior projects shall conform to University policies pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Intellectual Property Rights; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the Provost’s Office should request that all academic departments provide
these policies and procedures for archiving senior projects to their faculty and
students; and be it further

RESOLVED: That these policies be made available in writing to all students in each department
by winter quarter 2011.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Instruction Committee
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Revised: May 26 2009
Based on consultation with Provost Robert D. Koob, this memo acknowledges receipt and approval of the above-entitled resolution. The Provost’s Office will ask that policies and procedures for archiving senior projects be made available to departments by Winter Quarter 2011.

Please extend my appreciation to members of the Academic Senate Instruction Committee for its efforts to ensure faculty and students are aware of departmental and library policies governing the submission and archiving of senior projects.