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

AS-689-09

RESOLUTION ON MERGERS AND/OR REORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

WHEREAS: The Academic Senate of the California State University, “urge individual campus senates to develop guidelines, policies and/or procedures regarding the creation, reorganization, consolidation and elimination of academic units, programs, departments and schools to ensure that the processes of consultation and shared governance are followed” (AS-2891-09/AA/FA, March 19-20, 2009); and

WHEREAS: There is no promulgated University policy on changes in the reorganization of academic units, programs, departments and schools, hereinafter referred to as “teaching areas”; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate should be consulted and make recommendations on changes in the academic structure of teaching areas whenever the matter involves creation, combination, or general reorganization; and be it further

RESOLVED: That whenever teaching areas are created, combined, and/or reorganized, or whenever a change occurs in the administrative location of a teaching area, it shall be considered a change in academic structure; and be it further

RESOLVED: That no change in the structure of a teaching area shall be effected without consultation with the faculty who are directly affected by the potential change; and be it further

RESOLVED: Upon consultation with dean(s), directors(s), and other members of the affected teaching areas, formal proposals for restructuring shall be presented by the Provost/Vice President Academic Affairs to the Academic Senate Executive Committee and will include an explicit description of the proposed administrative arrangements and shall include a curricular and/or administrative justification, which supports in detail the proposed change. The justification shall also include an analysis of costs and benefits. Such proposals shall be presented in time to allow for reasonable review, using procedures deemed appropriate by the Academic Senate Executive Committee, and resulting in a written report and recommendations; and be it further
RESOLVED: That as part of its deliberative process, the Academic Senate Executive Committee shall with adequate notice conduct at least one open meeting where individuals may express their opinions about the proposed change.

Proposed by: The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: May 1 2009
Revised: May 21 2009
Revised: May 26 2009
To: John Soares  
Chair  
Academic Senate

From: Warren J. Bak  
President

Date: June 22, 2009

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-689-09  
Resolution on Mergers and/or Reorganization of Academic Programs

This is to formally acknowledge receipt of the above-referenced Academic Senate Resolution.