RESOLUTION ON RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT CAL POLY

WHEREAS, The Research and Professional Development Committee of the Academic Senate is charged with the responsibility of making recommendations relative to policies and procedures for research and professional development activities on campus; and

WHEREAS, The Teacher-Scholar model is espoused as a goal and/or objective by the strategic planning initiative and the University’s accreditation self-study; and

WHEREAS, Results of the WASC student survey strongly suggest faculty engagement in their disciplines by way of research, scholarship and creative activities (RSCA) is a benefit for students; and

WHEREAS, For the past several years Cal Poly has hired a significant number of faculty, and they have expressed a strong interest in, and expectations for, RSCA; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Provost shall charge College Deans, Department Chairs, and the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs, to explore, identify and in a timely manner report best practices in their support of RSCA, including but not limited to, specific examples of exemplary Teacher-Scholars; and be it further

RESOLVED: That such reports clearly explicate the use of resources (e.g., assigned time, direct funding, graduate assistants, etc.) in support of RSCA, along with the criteria for applying and awarding those resources; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Research and Professional Development Committee be responsible for collecting those reports and presenting them to the Academic Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Provost, College Deans, Department Chairs, and the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs promote teaching across the colleges as a platform to enhance interdisciplinary and collaborative RSCA.

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-691-09  
Resolution on Research and Professional Development at Cal Poly

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