WHEREAS, The 2007-2008 Academic Senate Chair gave an interim charge to the Research & Professional Development Committee to “hear complaints from faculty about initiatives that are perceived to be in conflict with Cal Poly’s Mission Statement”; and

WHEREAS, In spring, 2010, the Research & Professional Development Committee reported in its committee procedures that the Academic Senate needs “to find a more permanent way to resolve such concerns” due to the increased workload this would place on the committee; and

WHEREAS, Perceived conflicts with the Cal Poly Mission Statement could cover a range of issues, including, but not limited to, curriculum, faculty affairs, instruction, research; and

WHEREAS, A broad-based committee would provide a more inclusive perspective to deliberations of perceived conflicts; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following procedure be adopted by the Academic Senate for Cal Poly:

When a proposed initiative is perceived to be in conflict with the Cal Poly Mission Statement, the matter will be documented by a senator who will bring the documentation forward to the Academic Senate Chair. The Academic Senate Chair will engage in consultative practices with the appropriate parties to determine if the proposed initiative needs to come to the Academic Senate Executive Committee for its consideration. If the Academic Senate Executive Committee determines that the matter is deserving of serious consideration, then the Academic Senate Executive Committee will form an ad hoc committee, comprised of chairs of all Academic Senate standing committees to deliberate the matter. The ad hoc committee will report its findings to the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee will determine if such findings should be forwarded to the Academic Senate, in the form of a resolution, for further deliberation. If the resolution is adopted by the Academic Senate, it shall be forwarded to the University President for her/his approval in keeping with the Bylaws of the Academic Senate.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: October 12 2010
Revised: October 19 2010
To: Rachel Fernflores  
Chair, Academic Senate  

From: Robert Glidden  
Interim President  

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-720-10  
Resolution on Initiatives in Conflict with Cal Poly Mission Statement  

Date: January 4, 2011  
Copies: R. Koob, E. Smith  

This is to formally acknowledge receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.