WHEREAS, Faculty members who serve on the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee, who are always experienced in undergraduate education, do not always have experience teaching in graduate programs or in thesis supervision; and

WHEREAS, Some recent newly proposed graduate programs have been nontraditional programs, offered to working professionals, in special session, or online; and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly anticipates more graduate programs, traditional and nontraditional, over the next several years; and

WHEREAS, Newly proposed graduate programs and courses warrant careful review by faculty members with experience in graduate teaching and thesis supervision; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate establish a standing subcommittee of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee to review graduate course and program proposals; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Constitution of the Faculty and Bylaws of the Academic Senate be amended as follows:

To be added under VIII.H.2

2. Curriculum (and its subcommittees: U.S. Cultural Pluralism and Graduate Programs subcommittees)

To be added under I.2.b.

Graduate Programs Subcommittee

There will be a standing subcommittee of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee responsible for the review of proposals for new/revised graduate courses and programs. The Graduate Programs subcommittee shall not be comprised of a subset of the Curriculum Committee members, but instead, the
subcommittee shall include one faculty member from each college with experience in graduate level teaching and supervision, the chair of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee (or a designee of the chair), and as an ex officio member, the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs. The Graduate Programs subcommittee will forward recommendations regarding graduate courses and programs to the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee, which will consider them before making its recommendations to the Academic Senate.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: October 27 2010
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To: Rachel Fernflores  
Chair, Academic Senate  

From: Jeffrey D. Armstrong  
President  

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-724-11  
Resolution on Establishment of a Subcommittee of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee to Review Graduate Curricula  

Date: March 16, 2011  

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