

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

**AS-732-11**

**RESOLUTION ON POSTING PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES  
IN THE CAL POLY ONLINE CATALOG**

- 1 WHEREAS, The WASC visiting team has recommended that “considerable effort needs to occur in the  
2 next 18 months to assure: 1) that there is alignment between university, program, and course  
3 learning objectives across the institution; and 2) that all learning objectives appear  
4 systematically in university documents”; and  
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- 6 WHEREAS, This recommendation reflects the consensus on best practice among WASC-member  
7 institutions; and  
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- 9 WHEREAS, In the course of program review, \*academic programs report their program learning  
10 objectives (PLOs) and map them to the University Learning Objectives (ULOs); and  
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- 12 WHEREAS, As a part of Educational Effectiveness Review (EER), programs have also reported their  
13 PLOs to the Academic Senate and explained their alignment with the ULOs; and  
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- 15 WHEREAS, PLOs are defined by the faculty to promote the clarity and coherence of the program; and  
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- 17 WHEREAS, PLOs apply to all students in the program; and  
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- 19 WHEREAS, The availability of PLOs provides students and others with the general goals of the major,  
20 while outlining the structure of knowledge, skills, and values associated with the discipline;  
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- 23 WHEREAS, The Cal Poly online catalog is the official source of university information; and  
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- 25 WHEREAS, The program/department reviews catalog information on a regular basis; therefore be it  
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- 27 RESOLVED That program learning objectives (PLOs) be listed with other program information in the Cal  
28 Poly online catalog.

\*"An academic program is a structured grouping of coursework leading to a baccalaureate or graduate degree or to a teaching credential."

Proposed by: WASC/Academic Senate Integration and  
Student Learning Task Force

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State of California  
**Memorandum**

**CAL POLY**

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To: Rachel Fernflores  
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Date: June 28, 2011

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President



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Subject Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-732-11  
Resolution on Posting Program Learning Objectives in the Cal Poly Online Catalog

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This memo formally acknowledges receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.