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**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

WHEREAS, The WASC visiting team has recommended that "considerable effort needs to occur in the next 18 months to assure: 1) that there is alignment between university, program, and course learning objectives across the institution; and 2) that all learning objectives appear systematically in university documents"; and

WHEREAS, This recommendation reflects the consensus on best practice among WASC-member institutions; and

WHEREAS, In the course of program review, *academic programs report their program learning objectives (PLOs) and map them to the University Learning Objectives (ULOs); and

WHEREAS, As a part of Educational Effectiveness Review (EER), programs have also reported their PLOs to the Academic Senate and explained their alignment with the ULOs; and

WHEREAS, PLOs are defined by the faculty to promote the clarity and coherence of the program; and

WHEREAS, PLOs apply to all students in the program; and

WHEREAS, The availability of PLOs provides students and others with the general goals of the major, while outlining the structure of knowledge, skills, and values associated with the discipline; and

WHEREAS, The Cal Poly online catalog is the official source of university information; and

WHEREAS, The program/department reviews catalog information on a regular basis; therefore be it

RESOLVED That program learning objectives (PLOs) be listed with other program information in the Cal Poly online catalog.

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

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**Memorandum**

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Subject Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-732-11
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This memo formally acknowledges receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.