WHEREAS, Rachel’s decision to serve as Academic Senate Chair as an untenured assistant professor upholds the long-held observation between genius and madness; and

WHEREAS, In the Senate’s 50-year history, Rachel is one of only three faculty members to Chair the Senate for an additional third year and only one of three women to have served as Academic Senate Chair; and

WHEREAS, Rachel has led the Academic Senate with organizational adeptness, diplomacy, tireless dedication, and philosophical expertise; and

WHEREAS, She has maintained the Senate as a reliable and sturdy beacon through the many leadership changes of the past three years; and

WHEREAS, Rachel has raised the bar of “service” attending countless committee meetings, foregoing sleep in order to perfect numerous documents and resolutions, preparing fastidiously for visiting campus dignitaries, working frequently behind the scenes, and often responding to emails and phone calls before they’ve been received; and

WHEREAS, As Senate Chair, Rachel’s extensive use of her smartphone has fueled three years of record earnings for AT&T; and

WHEREAS, Rachel has President Armstrong’s phone number on her speed dial; and

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WHEREAS, Rachel aided the WASC accreditation effort by engaging the Senate in ground-breaking policies on assessment and other university themes bringing accolades to Cal Poly by the WASC Visiting Team; and

WHEREAS, Rachel has handled faculty conflict with fairness, grace, and aplomb; focused the Senate on important topics through valuable and productive discussion; encouraged the Senate to consider the widest range of perspectives; and made the faculty’s right to speak a top priority; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate express its enthusiastic thanks and commend Rachel Fernflores for her loyal and dedicated service as Chair of the Academic Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a plaque be presented to Rachel by the Academic Senate as a symbol of its sincere appreciation for a job well done; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate wish Rachel the best in all her future endeavors.

Proposed by: The Academic Senate
Date: May 29 2012
To:  Steven Rein  
    Chair, Academic Senate

Date:  June 18, 2012

From:  Jeffrey D. Armstrong  
    President

Copies:  K. Enz Finken  
    R. Fernflores

Subject:  Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-746-12  
          Resolution of Commendation for Rachel Fernflores

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the above-entitled resolution of the Academic Senate and to express my personal appreciation of Rachel Fernflores for her exemplary service, contributions, and hard work while serving on the Academic Senate. Rachel’s leadership and dedicated service as chair of the Academic Senate over the past several years is very much appreciated.
To:               Steven Rein  
Chair, Academic Senate

Date:             September 20, 2012

From:             Elizabeth Kinsley  
Chief of Staff

Subject:          Academic Senate Resolution AS-746-12

It has come to my attention that President Armstrong's June 18, 2012, response to the above-entitled Academic Senate Resolution was incorrectly addressed to you as chair of the Academic Senate, which was before your term began.

Please consider this memo as acknowledgment that President Armstrong's response should have been addressed to 2011-2012 Academic Senate Chair Rachel Fernflores.

Thank you.