WHEREAS, Among the recurring issues the Presidential Task Force on Substance Abuse and Sexual Assault ("PTF") learned is that there a lack of clarity regarding the definition and expression of the traits and values Cal Poly expects its students to cultivate (http://studentaffairs.calpoly.edu/content/sexual-assault-recommendations); and

WHEREAS, Recommendation 6.4 of the PTF report calls for:

"In conjunction with the Academic Senate and ASI, among others in Student Affairs, the University should consider developing a "Traits and Expectations of a Mustang" document."

WHEREAS, Cal Poly Orientation Programs, University Housing, and ASI, would all be among the campus units that would use a "Traits and Expectations of a Mustang" document in their communications with prospective and current students; and

WHEREAS, Associated Students Inc. ("ASI") picked up the charge in recommendation 6.4 by consulting widely in the development of "The Mustang Way," which articulates Cal Poly traits and values of Cal Poly students (attached); and

WHEREAS, The list of consultees includes the Academic Senate Chair and Vice Chair, Provost, Vice President of Administration and Finance, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs/Director of Housing, Athletic Director, Cal Poly Corporation, Orientation Programs, Interhousing Council, Poly Reps, Student Athletic Leadership (Block P), Student Community Liaison Committee, San Luis Obispo City Mayor, San Luis Obispo City Manager, University President; and

WHEREAS, ASI appreciates the good relationship between students and faculty and so seeks support from and recognition of "The Mustang Way" from the full Academic Senate; therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate accept and endorse the ASI proposed "The Mustang Way."

Proposed by: Associated Students Inc.
Date: May 10 2012
Revised: May 22 2012
THE MUSTANG WAY
PRIDE, RESPONSIBILITY, CHARACTER

We are focused on Excellence - Learn by Doing is the foundation of our engaged pursuit of knowledge and scholarly achievement.

We embrace one another - Mustangs strive to create an atmosphere of mutual respect, celebrating the positive differences that make us unique.

We are one Community - Personal commitment and participation in the Cal Poly community is the cornerstone of the Mustang experience.

We accept Responsibility - Mustangs support one another while also taking pride in accepting personal responsibility, thus strengthening the Cal Poly family.

We Lead By Example - Mustangs face all actions and decisions with perseverance, honor, and character.

As Mustangs, we are united under these principles, honoring those who came before us and inspiring the Mustangs who follow. The privilege of being a Cal Poly Mustang is celebrated for a lifetime.

PRIDE – RESPONSIBILITY – CHARACTER

THE MUSTANG WAY
To: Steven Rein  
   Chair, Academic Senate

Date: June 18, 2012

From: Jeffrey D. Armstrong  
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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-747-12  
         Resolution on The Mustang Way

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

Please express my appreciation to the members of the Academic Senate for debating and discussing this important topic.
To: Steven Rein  
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: September 20, 2012

From: Elizabeth Kinsley  
Chief of Staff

Subject: Academic Senate Resolution AS-747-12

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.