WHEREAS, The Academic Senate has the responsibility to address all matters regarding the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Changing from quarters to semesters will have a significant impact on the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, The presence or absence of other campus groups examining the change from quarters to semesters, including the President's Semester Review Task Force, does not release the Academic Senate from its responsibility to examine that issue; and

WHEREAS, The presence of faculty on the Semester Review Task Force does not necessarily release the Academic Senate from its responsibility to independently examine the issue of changing from quarters to semesters; and

WHEREAS, As indicated in the recent report to the Academic Senate from the Semester Review Task Force, the President currently plans to base his decision on the report of his Semester Review Task Force; in addition, the President indicated that additional input from the campus community and elsewhere will be considered; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate and the faculty as a whole will have great difficulty making an informed judgment about the change from quarters to semesters without adequate time to consider the report of the Semester Review Task Force, which is due at the end of fall quarter 2012; and

WHEREAS, A reasonable deadline for the Academic Senate to complete its consideration of the final report of the Semester Review Task Force is February 12 2013 or six weeks after the release of the report, whichever is later; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate request that the President delay a decision on whether to change from quarters to semesters until after the Senate has completed its consideration of the issue, and has voted.

Proposed by: Andrew Davol, CENG senator and
Paul Rinzler, CLA senator
Date: October 24 2012
Revised: October 30 2012
Revised: November 13 2012
To: Steven Rein  
Chair, Academic Senate  

Date: December 20, 2012  

From: Jeffrey D. Armstrong  
President  

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-756-12  
Resolution on Possible Change to a Semester Calendar  

I formally acknowledge receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.