RESOLUTION ON PROPOSED NAME CHANGE:
“ACADEMIC SENATE RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE”

WHEREAS, The existing Academic Senate Research and Professional Development Committee has identified several benefits to changing its name to “Academic Senate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Committee” (RSCA); and

WHEREAS, These benefits include consistency with similar terminology within the CSU, in particular the Academic Senate of the California State University; and

WHEREAS, RSCA is consistent with the Teacher-Scholar Model and the guidelines for Retention, Tenure, and Promotion adopted by the University; and

WHEREAS, RSCA encompasses a wider range of activities congruent with the Teacher-Scholar Model, including Boyer’s definition of the scholarship of discovery, application, integration, and teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, The term “professional development” is often used in a more restricted sense, and infers an emphasis on maintaining existing skills; and

WHEREAS, The term “professional development” frequently focuses on the individual faculty member while the term RSCA includes multiple audiences that benefit from such activities (students, colleagues, discipline, communities); and

WHEREAS, The name change also recognizes the University’s continued development on the role and value of RSCA; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly endorse the name change from Academic Senate Research and Professional Development Committee to “Academic Senate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Committee” (RSCA); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the focus of activities and the composition of the committee will not change; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be amended to reflect this name change.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Research and Professional Development Committee
Date: April 25 2013
Resources:

- Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) resolution AS-2917-09/FA (Rev): “A Resolution in Support of Reinstating Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Awards for 2010-2011”
- Cal Poly Academic Senate resolution AS-725-11: “Resolution on Renaming the Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Award and Renaming and Constituting the Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Awards Committee,” adopted March 8, 2011.
- Cal Poly Academic Senate resolution AS-701-10: “Resolution on Faculty Participation in DigitalCommons@CalPoly,” adopted February 9, 2010.
- Cal Poly Academic Senate resolution AS-691-09 Resolution on Research and Professional Development at Cal Poly,” adopted June 2 2009.
- Cal Poly Academic Senate resolution AS-638-05: “Resolution on Renaming the Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Award and Renaming and Constituting the Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Awards Committee,” adopted May 31, 2005.
To: Steven Rein  
   Chair, Academic Senate

Date: July 11, 2013

From: Jeffrey D. Armstrong  
   President

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-763-13  
Resolution on Proposed Name Change: "Academic Senate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Committee"

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