Adopted: May 1, 2018

ACADEMIC SENATE
Of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA

AS-847-18

RESOLUTION ON DISCONTINUATION OF DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
DEGREE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Cal Poly has a policy on the Discontinuation of Academic Programs, which requires a potentially lengthy review by two separate groups, one representing students, staff, and faculty that are involved in the program, and the other representing students, staff, and faculty that are not involved in the program; and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly’s School of Education used to offer a joint Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program in Educational Leadership, which was administered jointly with the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB); and

WHEREAS, Admission to the Ed.D. degree program has been suspended for the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, UCSB has discontinued the program; and

WHEREAS, There are no students currently active in the program; and

WHEREAS, The Director of the School of Education has requested that the Ed.D. program be discontinued, and the program faculty supports it discontinuation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Ed.D. program be discontinued as of AY 2018-19, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the discontinuance of the aforementioned program does not establish any criteria for the discontinuation of any other academic program.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Curriculum Committee and Academic Programs and Planning
Date: April 10, 2018
TO: President Jeffrey Armstrong, Ph.D.
FROM: J. Kevin Taylor, Director
SUBJECT: Joint Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership with UCSB
DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2018
CC: Mary Pedersen, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Programs & Planning
    Dustin Stegner, Academic Senate Chair
    Amy Robbins, Academic Programs & Planning
    Andrea Somoza-Norton, ELAP Program Coordinator

The School of Education used to have a joint doctoral program in Educational Leadership, the program was administered jointly with the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB). I have consulted with the faculty in our Educational Leadership program, and we have no intention of collaborating to resurrect this program. Although we may pursue a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership in the future, any such proposal would be significantly different and would be submitted as a new program through the appropriate channels.

Since admission to the Ed.D. program in Educational Leadership has been suspended for the past 8 years, and given that UCSB has discontinued the program on their campus, I see no reason to perpetuate this program in our system. I hereby formally request that we discontinue the joint Ed.D. program in Educational Leadership. The faculty in our Educational Leadership program is fully supportive of me pursuing this program discontinuation.

Please let me know if you have questions or require anything further.
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Dustin Stegner
   Chair, Academic Senate

From: Jeffrey D. Armstrong
       President

Date: July 20, 2018

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-847-18 – Resolution on Discontinuation of Doctor of Education Degree program

I am pleased to acknowledge and approve the above-entitled Academic Senate Resolution.

Please express my appreciation to the Academic Senate members, the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee and the Office of Academic Programs and Planning for their attention to this important curricular matter.