Cal Poly Academic Senate Endorses Proposition 47
Classroom Building Bond on Nov. 5 Ballot

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly's Academic Senate has voted to endorse Proposition 47, the classroom building bond on the Nov. 5 California ballot.

The education bond would bring more than $109 million in classroom building money to the Central Coast: $50 million for new K-12 classrooms around the county, including Paso Robles and Nipomo high schools; $37.3 million to Cal Poly for a new building to replace World War II-era corrugated metal buildings currently housing several engineering programs; and $22.5 million for Cuesta College, enabling the campus to build a theater arts building on its main campus and a science and health laboratory complex on its new North County campus in Paso Robles.

The Academic Senate by an overwhelming majority on Oct. 1 to support Proposition 47, said Senate Chair and Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Professor Unny Menon. "We believe it is of great importance to our students, and to all students in California," he said.

The senate resolution supporting Proposition 47 notes that "the overwhelming majority of students in the California State University system and Cal Poly in particular come from the public schools of California, (and) current overcrowding at K-12 public schools is hindering student success."

The Academic Senate is the faculty governing body of the university representing approximately 1,000 faculty members. It is the principal agency for the formulation and recommendation of policy, and provides the mechanism for consultative participation by the university community in the administrative decisions of the Cal Poly President.
This legislative body is comprised of 51 elected faculty representatives, four senior administrators, and two students.

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