

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

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RESOLUTION REGARDING POSSIBLE BUDGET CUTS DUE TO PROPOSITION NINE

- WHEREAS, Past budget reduction lists have been used as targeted hit lists, whether needed or not; and
- WHEREAS, President Robert E. Kennedy two years ago refused to submit to the Governor a list of the five lowest priority "programs" in response to proposed Proposition Thirteen cutbacks; and
- WHEREAS, President Kennedy's action succeeded in having a positive effect on the University; and
- WHEREAS, The creation of a vertical cut list for the entire University, involving a priority ranking of departments and programs, would have a negative impact upon the morale of the University;* and
- WHEREAS, Should Proposition Nine pass, there is still time between June 3 and the final preparation of the State Budget for contingency planning; and
- WHEREAS, We should cease to obscure the effects of tax cutting initiatives by cutting our own budget;** therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, should decline to provide a list of possible budget reductions to the Chancellor's Office, and that the Chancellor's Office and the entire CSUC system should decline to supply the Governor and the Legislature with a Statewide budget reduction list.

*The preparation of a priority list, even if it is not used, will have a damaging effect on the morale of those programs ranked near the bottom. Moreover, the threat of vertical cuts will serve to increase factionalism within the University.

**The public has yet to know the full effect of Proposition Thirteen. In the past two years, the CSUC system has cut thirty-one million dollars from its budget. Add to this a decline in purchasing power of twenty-three percent consisting of Proposition Nine's five percent cut (the optimistic forecast) and an eighteen percent inflation rate.

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