WHEREAS, A concentration is intended to be a coherent and specialized course of study within a student's major degree program, which presupposes knowledge of the major discipline; and

WHEREAS, A concentration is a carefully chosen and formally recognized course of study with requirements stated in the catalog; and

WHEREAS, Faculty have a commitment to deliver approved curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Concentrations, including interdisciplinary concentrations, are not baccalaureate programs; and

WHEREAS, Concentrations are noted on the student's transcript, but not shown on the diploma; and

WHEREAS, Faculty have the option to include concentrations in the baccalaureate programs they develop; and

WHEREAS, CSU Executive Order 602 delegates authority to campus presidents to approve options, concentrations, special emphases and minors (http://www.calstate.edu/EO/EO-602.pdf); and

WHEREAS, The only curricular constraint mandated by Executive Order 602 is that in order to be approved by campus presidents, concentrations must be “in the same discipline division as the approved degree major program” otherwise they require approval by the Chancellor; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That CAM 411.A.1(c) on concentrations be revised as follows:

- A concentration is a block of at least five designated major courses (E.O. 283) from one or more lists of designated courses or course areas.

- No single course should appear in every concentration: such courses should be included in the major.
• The courses for a concentration shall appear in the major course column.
• At least 50% of the units in a concentration shall be in the same courses or course areas for all students taking that concentration
• The number of concentration units shall not exceed 50% of the total major units.

And further be it

RESOLVED, That the above CAM concentration criteria be effective for all new concentration proposals or concentration revision proposals beginning with the 2013-15 catalog cycle; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when advising individual students, reasonable attempts to follow the approved curriculum should be made before substitutions are considered.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Curriculum Committee
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To: Rachel Fernflores  
Chair, Academic Senate

From: Jeffrey D. Armstrong
President

Date: April 4, 2012


Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-745-12
Resolution on Concentration Definition

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

Please extend my appreciation to the committee for their work on this issue.