

Adopted: June 2, 2015

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

AS-799-15

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT CHANCELLOR TIM WHITE UNDERTAKE A
PROMPT REVIEW OF CAL POLY, SLO GOVERNANCE**

- 1 WHEREAS, The Academic Senate has the right to present to the Chancellor or the Board of
2 Trustees of the CSU any matter pertaining to the conduct and welfare of the
3 University; and
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- 5 WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo has received widespread
6 expressions of concern from faculty and staff about the efficacy and responsiveness
7 of governance on campus; and
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- 9 WHEREAS, A series of conflicts over the last few years has highlighted issues related to
10 communication, transparency and shared governance, has opened serious rifts in
11 our shared sense of community, and has contributed to extremely low morale; and
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- 13 WHEREAS, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo needs to refocus its attention on its core mission to serve
14 our students and community through teaching, research and service; and
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- 16 WHEREAS, A fresh look at the Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo situation from outside the campus
17 could help diagnose problems and identify solutions, therefore be it
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- 19 RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo requests that Chancellor
20 Tim White undertake a review of the governance at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and
21 that this review begin fall quarter 2015. We recommend that the review should
22 broadly and confidentially consult with all relevant campus leaders and groups—
23 including faculty, staff, students and all levels of administration. We urge that the
24 Chancellor use the findings of the review to implement any measures needed to
25 improve the meaningful communication and transparency of management and to
26 help restore a strong sense of shared governance to our campus; and be it further
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- 28 RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo make this request
29 respectfully, with a desire for a constructive outcome, and with no preconceived
30 vision.

Proposed by: Wyatt Brown, CAFES Senator
Date: May 13, 2015
Revised: May 15, 2015
Revised: May 27, 2015

State of California
Memorandum

CAL POLY
SAN LUIS OBISPO

To: Gary Laver
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: June 30, 2015

From: Jeffrey D. Armstrong
President



Copies: K. Enz Finken

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-799-15
Resolution Requesting that Chancellor Tim White Undertake a Prompt Review of Cal Poly,
SLO Governance

This memo formally acknowledges receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution. I appreciate and share the Senate's commitment to shared governance. Additionally, I appreciate Chancellor White's response and look forward to working together with the Senate to enhance transparency and shared governance.