

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**

- 1 WHEREAS, Cal Poly has a policy on the Discontinuation of Academic Programs, which  
2 requires a potentially lengthy review by two separate groups, one  
3 representing students, staff, and faculty that are involved in the program,  
4 and the other representing students, staff, and faculty that are not involved  
5 in the program; and  
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- 7 WHEREAS, Cal Poly's School of Education used to offer a joint Doctor of Education  
8 (Ed.D.) program in Educational Leadership, which was administered jointly  
9 with the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB); and  
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- 11 WHEREAS, Admission to the Ed.D. degree program has been suspended for the past  
12 eight years; and  
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- 14 WHEREAS, UCSB has discontinued the program; and  
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- 16 WHEREAS, There are no students currently active in the program; and  
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- 18 WHEREAS, The Director of the School of Education has requested that the Ed.D.  
19 program be discontinued, and the program faculty supports it  
20 discontinuation; therefore be it  
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- 22 RESOLVED: That the Ed.D. program be discontinued as of AY 2018-19, and be it further  
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- 24 RESOLVED: That the discontinuance of the aforementioned program does not establish  
25 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

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**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

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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

**Date:** July 20, 2018

**From:** Jeffrey D. Armstrong  
President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff".

**Copies:** K. Enz Finken  
M. Pedersen  
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K. Green Hall  
K. Taylor

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

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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.