

Adopted: March 10, 2020

**ACADEMIC SENATE
Of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA**

AS-891-20

**RESOLUTION ON DISCONTINUATION OF M.S. OF PRINTED ELECTRONICS AND
FUNCTIONAL IMAGING 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 College of Liberal Arts used to offer an M.S. in Printed Electronics
8 and Functional Imaging; and
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- 10 WHEREAS, After offering a certificate program for 2 years and graduating a single
11 Master's class, it was determined that there was insufficient enrollment to
12 make the program self-support. The program stopped accepting students in
13 2016; and
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- 15 WHEREAS, Admission to the M.S. in Printed Electronics and Functional Imaging degree
16 program has been suspended for the past three years; and
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- 18 WHEREAS, There are no students currently active in the program; and
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- 20 WHEREAS, The Chair of the Graphic Communications department has requested that
21 the M.S. in Printed Electronics and Functional Imaging program be
22 discontinued, and the program faculty supports it discontinuation; therefore
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- 25 RESOLVED: That the M.S. in Printed Electronics and Functional Imaging program be
26 discontinued as of AY 2020-21, and be it further
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- 28 RESOLVED: That the discontinuance of the aforementioned program does not establish
29 any criteria for the discontinuation of any other academic program.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Curriculum Committee and
Academic Programs and Planning

Date: February 18, 2020

To: President Jeffrey Armstrong, Ph.D.

From: Colleen Twomey, Chair, Graphic Communication

Subject: Discontinuing the MS in Printed Electronics and Functional Imaging in Graphic Communication

Date: December 5, 2019

CC: Bruno Giberti, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Planning
Dustin Stegner, Academic Senate Chair
Amy Robbins, Academic Programs & Planning
Dina Veas, GrC Curriculum Chair

In 2014 the Graphic Communication Department launched a Master's Degree in Printed Electronics and Functional Imaging (PEFI), which was comprised of a certificate program (first year, all online), followed by an in-residence completion for the second year. After offering the certificate program for 2 years and graduating a single Master's class, it was determined that there was insufficient enrollment to make the program self-support. The program stopped accepting students in 2016.

The GrC faculty met fall in 2019 to discuss curriculum strategy for the short and long term, and unanimously voted to discontinue the MS in Printed Electronics and Functional Imaging. Our undergraduate Bachelor of Science includes courses in Printed Electronics, and faculty continue to publish research in this area to stay on top of their field.

As a result, I hereby formally request that the Master's Degree in Printed Electronics and Functional Imaging be discontinued.

Sincerely,



Colleen L. Twomey
Associate Professor and Chair
Graphic Communication Department



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Dustin Stegner

Date: April 22, 2020

From: Jeffrey D. Armstrong
President

Copies: Mary Pedersen
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Subject: Response to AS-891-20 – Resolution on Discontinuation of M.S. of Printed Electronics and Functional Imagine Degree Program

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.