WHEREAS, California Polytechnic State University is a noted undergraduate teaching institution; and

WHEREAS, Effective teaching is essential to maintaining a quality undergraduate program; and

WHEREAS, Expertise in a given discipline alone does not ensure effective communication of this knowledge to others; and

WHEREAS, Cancellation of the Education Department's offering amounts to a cancellation of the Cal Poly teacher effectiveness program; and

WHEREAS, This absence of a program for the development of pedagogical skills is contrary to the best interests of the university in maintaining a quality undergraduate program; and

RESOLVED: That California Polytechnic State University establish a program to (1) assist teachers in developing their instructional competence, and (2) encourage experimentation in teacher effectiveness including programs involving interdisciplinary projects.
Memorandum

To: Lloyd H. Lamouria, Chair
   Academic Senate

From: Warren J. Baker
      President

Subject: RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE
         OF EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING (AS-204-86)

On October 2 I wrote to you relative to the Academic Senate
resolution on Support and Maintenance of Excellence in Teaching
adopted last spring indicating that the matter was under active
review by the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs. I
have now received a report from Malcolm Wilson, a copy of which
is attached, that explains the efforts that have been undertaken
by Robert Lucas in the area of providing opportunities for faculty
development, which was the thrust of the Academic Senate
resolution. I believe that the attached report provides excellent
information on the efforts which Dr. Lucas is making in this regard
as he has worked with various faculty members and others in the
development of specific program initiatives. Please note the
last paragraph of Dr. Wilson's memo with regard to his appreciation
for the Academic Senate's interest in this matter and the fact
that it has served as a catalyst for this area. I trust that
this activity responds positively to the resolution adopted by
the Senate.

Attachment