RESOLUTION ON THE SEMESTER REVIEW TASK FORCE FINDINGS

WHEREAS, At the Nov 27, 2012 meeting the Academic Senate passed a resolution requesting the President delay any decision on conversion from quarters to semesters until after the Academic Senate considers and votes on the issue; and

WHEREAS, The Semester Review Task Force Report (with appendices, available at http://president.calpoly.edu/semesterreview/) estimates the cost of the conversion to semesters, financially, to be considerable; and

WHEREAS, The Semester Review Task Force Report summary of the merits and demerits of both quarters and semesters does not clearly indicate whether a conversion to semesters would overall be more beneficial or harmful, and that the benefits of and efforts to achieve conversion would likely be very uneven across campus units; and

WHEREAS, Many benefits attached to a converting to semesters, (e.g. transformation of our curriculum) can be achieved without conversion; and

WHEREAS, A conversion to semesters will likely increase the time to achieve many high-priority goals for the University; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate endorse the Semester Review Task Force Recommendation Report, in particular the recommendation that Cal Poly not pursue a conversion from a quarter to a semester calendar; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate requests that the President share the Semester Review Task Force report along with this resolution to the Chancellor for due consideration by the Chancellor.

Proposed by: The Academic Senate Executive Committee
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