

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

AS-86-80/CC
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RESOLUTION ON SCHOOL/DIVISION COMMITTEES

Background: Some schools/divisions have no school/division curriculum committee at the present time. Many conflicts concerning catalog proposals occur between departments within a school/division. In the absence of school/division curriculum committees, the curriculum committee of the Academic Senate has been forced to attempt to settle these conflicts. These settlements could have been made more easily at an earlier stage. A school/division committee would have provided a better forum for dealing with the problems since all departments involved in the dispute would be represented. The level of expertise should presumably also be higher within a given school/division.

WHEREAS, Many conflicts concerning curriculum proposals occur between departments within a school/division; and

WHEREAS, It is to the mutual advantage of all concerned to settle these disputes as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, In the absence of a School/Division Curriculum Committee, the Dean is forced to attempt these settlements; therefore be it

1. RESOLVED: That each School/Division be required to set up a Curriculum Committee; and be it further

2. RESOLVED: That this committee shall be charged with determining guidelines for dealing with curriculum issues; and be it further

3. RESOLVED: That these guidelines shall be approved by the appropriate School/Division Council; and be it further

5. RESOLVED: Each department in the appropriate School/Division shall elect a representative to this committee; and be it further

6. RESOLVED: That the School/Division Curriculum Committee shall contact and consult with all departments involved in a dispute or problem involving curriculum issues before making its final decision.

4. RESOLVED: That this committee and the appropriate Dean shall coordinate a timetable for dealing with catalog proposals; and be it further

APPROVED

March 4, 1980

Timothy Kersten
Chair, Academic Senate

February 9, 1981

Hazel J. Jones

Warren J. Baker
President

Progress Report -- Academic Senate Resolutions: Curriculum

You asked recently about the status of certain Academic Senate resolutions and questions regarding curriculum. The resolutions were referred to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for review and consultation. Vice President Jones reports the following actions and status of the resolutions.

1. Academic Senate resolutions proposing mandatory establishment of School/Department Curriculum Committees. (AS-85-80/CC and AS-86-80/CC)

The Academic Council approved the concept of the two resolutions dealing with the topic, but did not approve the resolutions themselves for the following reasons:

- a. Departments and Schools need flexibility and autonomy in determining the curriculum mechanism that works best for them.
 - b. In some Schools the School Council plays a role in curriculum review; in some Schools a schoolwide committee works best.
 - c. A decision about University review process ought to precede a School/Department process decision.
2. Curriculum Process Proposal (AS-87-80/CC)

The Academic Council currently has this proposal under consideration. The Academic Council and the Senate are in agreement with the objective that, if possible, the process should be streamlined.

Following discussion at the last Academic Council meeting the item was referred to Rod Kaif, Malcolm Wilson, and the Senate Curriculum Committee to refine the proposal which will be a business-action item on a subsequent Council agenda.

3. Academic Minors

The revision of CAM 411, approved by former President Kennedy, March 15, 1978, will be added to CAM.

A quite limited number of minors will be approved for the 1981-83 catalog. Once the University has a clearer picture of the consequent demand created on resources, the matter of additional approvals will be addressed.