

ACADEMIC SENATE  
of  
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY  
San Luis Obispo, CA

AS-580-02/B&LRPC

RESOLUTION ON  
BUDGET PRINCIPLES AND GOALS

1 Background: During the early 1990s the State of California experienced a significant economic  
2 downturn. As a result of the economic problems during this period of time, the financial support  
3 for the CSU was substantially reduced. Many areas of this campus are still feeling the effects of  
4 this reduction in support. The attached *Budget Principles and Goals* are an attempt to create  
5 strategies for minimizing the impact on Cal Poly resulting from the reduction in support from the  
6 state, without significantly affecting the faculty positions required to sustain emollment. This  
7 scenario is especially useful in dealing with a late-in-the-year budget cut.

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9 WHEREAS, The State of California has entered a difficult fmancial period; and

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11 WHEREAS, The financial difficulties of the state will likely result in a reduction of support for  
12 the CSU; and

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14 WHEREAS, The CSU has asked all of the campuses, including Cal Poly, to plan for significant  
15 cuts in support; and

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17 WHEREAS, Careful planning will be essential if the campus is to minimize the harmful effects  
18 of these budgetary cuts; therefore, be it

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20 RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate urge the Cal Poly administration to include all  
21 constituencies in budgetary discussions; and be it further

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23 RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate endorse the attached *Budget Principles and Goals*; and  
24 be it further

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26 RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate urge the Cal Poly administration to use these *Budget*  
27 *Principles and Goals* in the budget process.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Budget and Long Range  
Planning Committee  
Date: December 18, 2001  
Revised: February 4 2002  
Revised: February 12, 2002

## **Budget Principles and Goals**

- Priority shall be given to maintaining the quality and character of education at Cal Poly.
- Enrollment must be consistent with available resources.
- Priority should be given to recruiting and retaining quality faculty and staff.
- Changes in state support should not significantly affect the faculty positions required to sustain enrollment.
- The University should adhere to an enrollment policy that stabilizes enrollments and minimizes enrollment oscillations.
- The University budgetary process should be open and timely and University budgetary decisions should include participation and input from faculty, students, and staff.
- Faculty, students, and staff are entitled to timely financial information.
- Faculty, students, and staff are entitled to enrollment information that is made available at the time enrollment decisions are made.

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Subject: Response to AS-580-02/B&LRPC

On May 1, 2002, President Warren J. Baker responded, via memorandum, to Academic Senate Resolution AS-580-02/B&LRPC, Resolution on Budget Principles and Goals.

I have attached the President's response in its entirety as a Word document; however, I am also providing the text of the memorandum below for those who have e-mail systems that do not handle attachments.

If you have any questions, please call.

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President Warren J. Baker's response of May 1, 2002, to Academic Senate Resolution AS-580-02/B&LRPC, Resolution on Budget Principles and Goals:

"I am pleased to approve the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution. These principles are sound and objective. They will be followed in the future as we face difficult financial constraints on the CSU and University's budgets during the significant downturn in the California economy that we are currently experiencing.

Please convey my appreciation to the Senate's Budget and Long Range Planning Committee for its sound advice and recommendations."

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