RESOLUTION ON BUDGET CRISIS

WHEREAS, The State of California is in an unprecedented budget crisis; and

WHEREAS, The state budget crisis will cause significant reductions in state appropriations to the CSU in 2003-2004 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The budget crisis could seriously affect student access to courses and student services in the CSU; and

WHEREAS, The budget crisis could seriously affect high quality instruction, jeopardize faculty, and staff positions in the CSU; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly (SLO) strongly urge President Baker to continue focusing on protecting funding for high quality instruction and essential student services (e.g., student advising, counseling, financial aid administration); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly strongly urge President Baker to oppose any increase in the student-faculty ratio (SFR), and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly strongly urge President Baker to consult widely, on issues related to budget and enrollment management with the Academic Senate, all Cal Poly bargaining units, and Cal Poly students; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly strongly urge President Baker to ensure that there will be continuing transparency and consultation in the budget process so that the campus community can be fully informed; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly strongly urge President Baker to find and utilize alternative sources of revenue (i.e., Foundation funds), and cost saving strategies (e.g., reduction of expenditure on non-essential operations, CMS, and hiring MPPs); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly strongly urge President Baker to reallocate alternative sources of revenue and savings to instruction as a way of reducing the impact of budget cuts on the quality of education.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Faculty Affairs Committee
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To: George Lewis  
   Chair, Academic Senate

From: Warren J. Baker  
   President

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-599-03/FAC  
   Resolution on Budget Crisis

Date: August 21, 2003  

Copies: P. Zingg, L. Kelley

I hereby accept the above subject resolution and the principles of consultation and support for high quality instruction and student services that it articulates. This resolution both emphasizes strategies that the University has already undertaken to accomplish the goals of the resolution and affirms the importance of communication and engagement in the budget process.