

Adopted: May 31, 2005

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

AS -636-05

**RESOLUTION ON ACADEMIC SENATE
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

- WHEREAS, Curriculum review is a critical responsibility of the Academic Senate, and
- WHEREAS, Knowledge of a college curriculum committee's deliberations is extremely valuable to the deliberations of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee, and
- WHEREAS, Knowledge of the issues, policies and requirements used by the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee in reviewing course and curriculum packages is valuable to the review of proposals by college curriculum committees, and
- WHEREAS, It takes considerable time to become knowledgeable of the issues, policies and requirements associated with course and curriculum development and review, and
- WHEREAS, The review of course and curriculum proposals often spans multiple academic years, and
- WHEREAS, There is a considerable loss of institutional knowledge when the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee loses a member, and
- WHEREAS, The curriculum review process is complex and time consuming, and
- WHEREAS, The curriculum review process would be more efficient if there were a direct link to college curriculum committees, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee membership be changed to require that General Faculty representatives be the current chair or a current member of their respective college curriculum committees, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That Academic Senate bylaws section I.2.a be amended to reflect this change; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate strongly encourage the Provost, departments, and/or colleges provide assigned time or appropriate support and resources for curriculum committee chairs and/or faculty serving on the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate strongly encourage Academic Senate Curriculum Committee members to serve a minimum of two years.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Curriculum Committee
Date: April 21, 2005
Revised: May 11, 2005
Revised: May 31, 2005

Amended Academic Senate Bylaws - Changes Proposed by Resolution (see underlined)

1. COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

2. Curriculum Committee

a. **Membership**

General Faculty representatives shall be either 1) current chair of their college curriculum committee or 2) a current member of their college curriculum committee. The ex officio members of the Curriculum Committee shall be the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee, the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs or designee, the Dean of Library Services or designee, a representative from Academic records, and an ASI representative.

b. **Responsibilities**

The Curriculum Committee shall develop recommendations regarding academic master planning and curriculum, academic programs, University requirements for graduation, general education, cultural pluralism, and library oversight as it relates to instruction. Members will meet at least quarterly and as needed. The chair shall be responsible for the coordination of the curriculum review with the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs office.

The Chair of the Curriculum Committee shall meet regularly with the Chair of the Instruction Committee, Chair of the Program review and Improvement Committee, and the Chair of the Academic Senate.

State of California
Memorandum

To: David Hannings
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: June 10, 2005

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-636-05
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I hereby acknowledge receipt and approval of the above subject Resolution. By copy of this memorandum, I will ask the Provost and college deans to give consideration to the last two Resolved clauses when making faculty appointments to the college and Senate curriculum committees.
