

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

**AS-700-10**

**RESOLUTION ON PROGRAM SUSPENSION**

- 1   WHEREAS,    The Academic Senate of Cal Poly recognizes that the large reduction in the University’s  
2                   budget has produced pressures on colleges to suspend (\*)academic programs; and  
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- 4   WHEREAS,    The Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) “recognizes that  
5                   ‘emergency measures’ may appear to be justified by the magnitude of the [financial] crisis,  
6                   but that such measures should not eviscerate the primary role of faculty in control of the  
7                   curriculum” (AS-2918-09/AA, November 5 2009); and  
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- 9   WHEREAS,    The ASCSU reaffirms its commitment “to due process and active faculty consultation on  
10                  program suspension...” (AS-2918-09/AA, November 5 2009); and  
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- 12   WHEREAS,    The ASCSU urges all campus senates of the CSU to review and, if necessary, update their  
13                  policies concerning program elimination and/or suspension (AS-2918-09/AA, November 5  
14                  2009); and  
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- 16   WHEREAS,    There is no Cal Poly policy on suspension of academic programs; therefore be it  
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- 18   RESOLVED:   That the Academic Senate shall form a faculty task force to draft a comprehensive policy on  
19                  criteria and procedures governing decisions on program suspension; and be it further  
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- 21   RESOLVED:   That no academic program shall be suspended and no change shall be made in program  
22                  support or student admission in such a way that the net effect suspends the program without  
23                  consultation with the faculty affected by the potential change; and be it further  
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- 25   RESOLVED:   That in the absence of an Academic Senate policy on program suspension, any proposal for  
26                  program suspension, and/or other proposed administrative changes that would likely result  
27                  in suspension of an academic program, shall be presented by the Provost/Vice President of  
28                  Academic Affairs to the Academic Senate Executive Committee. The proposal will include  
29                  an explicit curricular and/or administrative justification, including a cost/benefit analysis,  
30                  which supports in detail the proposed suspension or change. Such proposals shall be  
31                  presented in time to allow for reasonable review and to prepare a written report and  
32                  recommendation, using procedures deemed appropriate by the Academic Senate Executive  
33                  Committee.

(\*) *“An academic program is a structured grouping of coursework leading to a baccalaureate or graduate degree or to a teaching credential.”*

Proposed by:   Academic Senate Faculty Affairs Committee and Research  
                  & Professional Development Committee  
Date:           November 22 2009  
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**Memorandum**

ACADEMIC SENATE

To: Rachel Fernflores  
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: February 25, 2010

  
From: Warren J. Baker  
President

Copies: R. Koob, E. Smith

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-700-10  
Resolution on Program Suspension

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This is to formally acknowledge receipt of the above-referenced Academic Senate Resolution.