WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Cal Poly recognizes that the large reduction in the University’s budget has produced pressures on colleges to suspend (academic programs); and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) “recognizes that ‘emergency measures’ may appear to be justified by the magnitude of the [financial] crisis, but that such measures should not eviscerate the primary role of faculty in control of the curriculum” (AS-2918-09/AA, November 5 2009); and

WHEREAS, The ASCSU reaffirms its commitment “to due process and active faculty consultation on program suspension…” (AS-2918-09/AA, November 5 2009); and

WHEREAS, The ASCSU urges all campus senates of the CSU to review and, if necessary, update their policies concerning program elimination and/or suspension (AS-2918-09/AA, November 5 2009); and

WHEREAS, There is no Cal Poly policy on suspension of academic programs; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate shall form a faculty task force to draft a comprehensive policy on criteria and procedures governing decisions on program suspension; and be it further

RESOLVED: That no academic program shall be suspended and no change shall be made in program support or student admission in such a way that the net effect suspends the program without consultation with the faculty affected by the potential change; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in the absence of an Academic Senate policy on program suspension, any proposal for program suspension, and/or other proposed administrative changes that would likely result in suspension of an academic program, shall be presented by the Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Academic Senate Executive Committee. The proposal will include an explicit curricular and/or administrative justification, including a cost/benefit analysis, which supports in detail the proposed suspension or change. Such proposals shall be presented in time to allow for reasonable review and to prepare a written report and recommendation, using procedures deemed appropriate by the Academic Senate Executive 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

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State of California
Memorandum

To: Rachel Femflores
Chair, Academic Senate

From: Warren J. Baker
President

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

Date: February 25, 2010
Copies: R. Koob, E. Smith

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