Adopted: October 27, 2026

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

AS-1023-26

RESOLUTION ON MODIFICATION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE BYLAWS REGARDING THE INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE (ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE)

Impact on Existing Policy: Requests to change the name of the committee; specifies that ex officio members are non-voting.

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of the Academic Senate occasionally need to be updated for clarity and to reflect best practices; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the bylaws of the Academic Senate be modified as shown on the attached copy, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Instruction Committee will now be known as the Academic Policies Committee to better reflect the purpose, responsibilities and charges of the committee.

Proposed by: The Academic Senate Instruction Committee (Academic Policies Committee)
Date: October 6, 2026

Academic Policies Committee

(a) Membership

Ex-officio non-voting members shall be a representative from the ASI, the CTLT, the Provost/VP for Academic Affairs or designee, and the Office of the Registrar.

When possible, it is preferred that the representative for PCS is from the academic advising community.

(b) Responsibilities

The Academic Policies Committee shall be responsible to develop, revise and provide recommendations for the implementation of academic policies, procedures, regulations and guidelines in areas related to teaching, learning, enrollment and student success. Further, in accordance with CAP 211 and AS-357-97/IC, the Academic Policies Committee shall review the Academic Calendar as proposed by the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs and make a recommendation to the Academic Senate Executive Committee.

Current	Proposed Revisions
1. Instruction Committee (a) Membership Ex officio members shall be the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee, a representative from CTLT, a representative from the Office of the Registrar, and an ASI representative. 2. Responsibilities The Instruction Committee shall be responsible for recommendations regarding subjects that impinge directly on the quality of teaching and for providing policy recommendations concerning grading as well as admissions policies and requirements. It will also provide review and input concerning electronic teaching techniques, and library oversight as it relates to instruction. In accordance with CAM 481 and AS-357-91/IC, the Instruction Committee shall review the Academic Calendar as proposed by the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs before its final submission to the President for approval.	1. Academic Policies Committee (a) Membership Ex-officio non-voting members shall be a representative from the ASI, the CTLT, the Provost/Executive VP for Academic Affairs or designee, and the Office of the Registrar. It is preferred that the representative for PCS is from the academic advising community. 2. (b) Responsibilities The Academic Policies Committee shall be responsible to develop, revise and provide recommendations for the implementation of academic policies, enrollment, procedures, regulations and guidelines in areas related to teaching, learning and student success. In accordance with CAP 211 and AS-357-97/IC, the Academic Policies Committee shall review the Academic Calendar as proposed by the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs and make a recommendation to the Academic Senate Executive Committee.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Samuel Frame
Chair, Academic Senate

From: Jeffrey D. Armstrong
President

Date: November 18, 2026

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Subject: Response to AS-1023-26 Resolution on Modification of the Academic Senate Bylaws Regarding the Instruction Committee (Academic Policies Committee)

By way of this memo, I acknowledge receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.

As matters pertaining to Senate bylaws fall within the purview of the Academic Senate, this resolution is received and recorded accordingly.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Academic Senate Instruction Committee and the Academic Senate for their thoughtful work to clarify the committee's role and responsibilities. The transition to the Academic Policies Committee reflects its broader focus on academic policies supporting teaching, learning, and student success.