

Senior Project Task Force

Background:

The senior project, a capstone experience required of all Cal Poly undergraduates, is among a number of high-impact practices that have been shown to be educationally effective. During the last six-year program review cycle, the senior project was the university theme; the senior project was also a major concern of Cal Poly's last WASC self-study, entitled "Our Polytechnic Identity in the 21st Century" (the 2009 and 2012 reports are available online at https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/wasc/1/documents/cpr_updated_report_march_2015.pdf and https://contentcalpolyedu.s3.amazonaws.com/wasc/1/documents/eer_updated_report_web_march_2015.pdf). The two reports contain a number of action items, including a recommendation to revise the senior project policy to clarify the nature of the capstone experience in relationship to the University Learning Objectives (ULOs). Cal Poly's general policy governing the senior project has not been updated since 2001 (AS 562-01, CAM 211.41), and subsequent policy revisions have been focused on the timely completion (AS-594-03) and archival storage of senior projects (AS-683-09).

Charges:

Review the recommendations of the self-study and the findings of program review, including the recommendations to "[e]nsure that, in all programs, the senior project or thesis is truly a learn-by-doing experience that integrates the broad sweep of advanced learning" (CPR Action Items) and to "[r]eview all university- and program-level senior project policies to ensure their currency and to ensure that all programs understand and implement these policies" (EER Action Items)

Revise the Senior Project Policy to clarify the nature of the capstone experience in relationship to the ULOs and in the context of high-impact practices, using the evidence provided by the EER report (EER Action Items)

Based on this review, propose an updated, comprehensive policy on the senior project, which includes clear guidance on the desired nature of the capstone experience. This follows the EER Action Item recommendation

Meetings:

- Task force should meet every other week, and plan on completing its work in Winter 2018.
- The task force will elect a chair.

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