

December 9, 2011

From: Graham Archer Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee

To: Cal Poly Academic Senate

Re: Committee Report, Fall Quarter, 2011

During the fall quarter 2011 the Faculty Affairs Committee finalized its resolution on shared governance. The draft resolution was passed on to the Academic Senate Executive Committee and is attached to this report. Also attached are the two primary reference documents the committee relied upon for the resolution: The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) "Statement on Governance of Colleges and Universities" 1990; and Academic Senate California State University (ASCSU) "Shared Governance Reconsidered: Improving Decision-Making in the California State University" 2001. The committee feels that these documents characterize the best practices of shared governance.

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RESOLUTION ON SHARED GOVERNANCE

- 1 WHEREAS, One of the key tenets of quality higher education and is shared governance in which
2 responsibility for the running of the university is shared by faculty, administrators, and
3 trustees; and
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- 5 WHEREAS, Cal Poly has a long history of participation in shared governance; and
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- 7 WHEREAS, The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) “Statement on Governance
8 of Colleges and Universities” 1990 and Academic Senate California State University
9 (ASCSU) “Shared Governance Reconsidered: Improving Decision-Making in the
10 California State University” 2001 characterize the best practices of shared governance;
11 and
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- 13 WHEREAS, The faculty have an interest in articulating what shared governance means at Cal Poly;
14 therefore be it
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- 16 RESOLVED: The faculty has primary responsibility for such fundamental areas as curriculum, subject
17 matter and methods of instruction, research, faculty status, and those aspects of student
18 life which relate to the educational process; and be it further
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- 20 RESOLVED: On these matters the power of review or final decision lodged in the governing board or
21 delegated by it to the president should be exercised adversely only in exceptional
22 circumstances, and for reasons communicated to the faculty; and be it further
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- 24 RESOLVED: It is desirable that the faculty should, following such communication, have opportunity
25 for further consideration and further transmittal of its views to the president; and be it
26 further
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- 28 RESOLVED: Budgets, personnel limitations, the time element, and the policies of other groups, bodies,
29 and agencies having jurisdiction over the institution may set limits to realization of
30 faculty advice; and be it further
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- 32 RESOLVED: The faculty should strive to apply the model of shared governance detailed in Appendix
33 C of the ASCSU report; and be it further
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- 35 RESOLVED: The Academic Senate set up a task force to revise the Constitution of the Faculty to
36 include shared governance in the definition of the functions of the Academic Senate.

Proposed by:

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