

Adopted: October 31, 2023

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

AS-965-23

RESOLUTION ON UFPP 11.6 ACADEMIC UNIT REORGANIZATION

Impact on Existing Policy:ⁱ Supersedes the elements of AS-715-10 pertaining only to academic unit reorganization, leaving the remaining elements of that resolution concerning program suspension intact until separate Academic Senate action replaces them.

- 1 WHEREAS, Current policies and procedures for reorganization of academic units (e.g.
2 departments) were established in 2010 along with program suspension
3 policies to implement a common core process in a single collection of
4 policy and procedure; and
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- 6 WHEREAS, Academic unit policies are more closely related to matters of college
7 governance already in University Faculty Personnel Policies (UFPP), while
8 program suspension policies are matters of curriculum and not academic
9 personnel; and
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- 11 WHEREAS, Recent efforts to reorganize academic units have been hampered by the
12 complexity of the current procedures and the mandated timeframe for
13 completion of the process, therefore be it
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- 15 RESOLVED: Academic unit reorganization policies and procedures be separated from
16 policy and procedure related to matters of curriculum such as program
17 suspension, and be it further
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- 19 RESOLVED: These policies and procedures may be implemented as soon as the
20 President approves them and they are placed on the Academic Programs
21 and Planning Academic Policies webpage, and be it further
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- 23 RESOLVED: The attached academic unit reorganization policies and procedures be
24 published in UFPP for academic year 2024-25.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Faculty Affairs Committee
Date: September 26, 2023

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- ⁱ (1) Describe how this resolution impacts existing policy on educational matters that affect the faculty. Examples include curricula, academic personnel policies, and academic standards.
(2) Indicate if this resolution supersedes or rescinds current resolutions.
(3) If there is no impact on existing policy, please indicate NONE.



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Jerusha Greenwood
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: December 21, 2023

From: Jeffrey D. Armstrong
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Subject: Response to AS-965-23 Resolution on UFPP 11.6 Academic Unit Reorganization

By way of this memo, I acknowledge the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution and thank the Academic Senate and Faculty Affairs Committee for their attention to this matter.

I fully appreciate the faculty's revisions to the established Reorganization of Academic Programs and Academic Units and Suspension of Programs, but I cannot approve or accept the above resolution and proposed addition to the University Faculty Personnel Policies (UFPP). The responsibility for making changes or reorganizations within academic units resides within the authority of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The UFPP policy outlined within the above-entitled resolution illustrates the necessity for a more robust and inclusive consultation to occur. I expect that in consultation with the Office of the Provost, the Academic Senate and the Office of Academic Programs and Planning will work jointly to formulate updated processes and guidelines for reorganizations of academic units and suspension of academic programs. These processes should be developed within specified areas of authority for such matters and will be presented for consideration.