Double Major Policy Task Force

Background:
Cal Poly does not have a recent university-wide policy on double majors and degrees that has been endorsed by the Academic Senate. The absence of a policy has created a lack of clarity for some students and faculty about the process or standards for pursuing a double major. The current guidelines for double majors and degrees, as published in the Cal Poly Catalog, explains that the majors may be acknowledged on a single diploma or two separate diplomas, depending on the degrees earned, that a student may be allowed to use one senior project requirement to fulfill the requirements of both majors, and that both degrees will be awarded for the term in which all requirements are completed for both majors (http://catalog.calpoly.edu/academicstandardsandpolicies/otherinformation/#DoubleMajorsorDegrees). Given the importance of creating a comprehensive double major and degree policy, the Academic Senate is forming a task force.

Charges:
Create a comprehensive policy on double majors and degrees, to be presented to the Academic Senate through a resolution. Special attention should be given to the minimum number of unique units that a student should complete to earn a second degree, integrity of academic degrees, and unit-limits for pursuing double majors and degrees.

Meetings:
Task force should meet every other week, and plan on making a recommendation to the Academic Senate in Spring 2020.

Membership:
One faculty representative from each college and PCS
One faculty representative from the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee
One non-voting ex officio representative from Academic Programs and Planning
One non-voting ex officio representative from the Registrar’s Office
One student representative from Associate Students Incorporated

The task force will elect a chair.