

# Conflict Resolution and Ombuds at CPP

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### **OVERVIEW**



Senate Resolution in Support of Reestablishing Ombuds Office



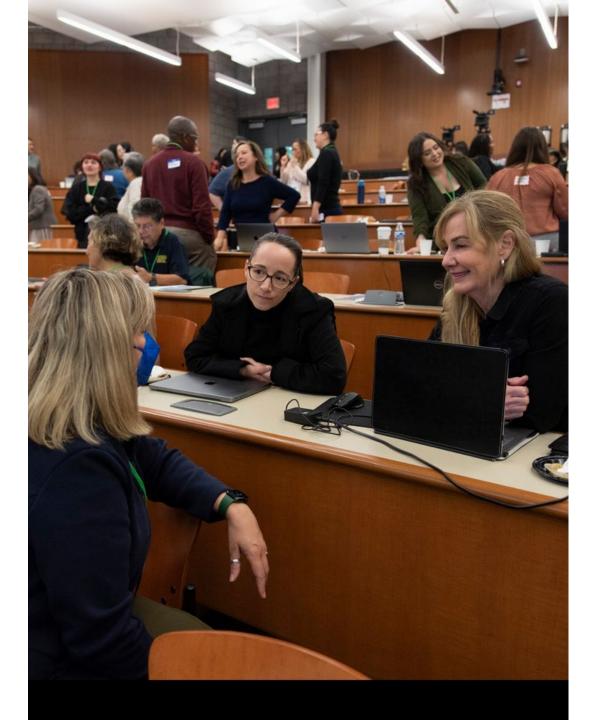
Joint
Senate/Administration
Working Group Report



Implementation Plan



Ongoing Improvements in Conflict Resolution



## **Objective:**

To clarify the conceptual and operational model proposed for the Office of Conflict Resolution Services & Ombuds in response to the Academic Senate resolution and to engage in dialogue to guide implementation.

## **Academic Senate Resolution**



Ombudsperson at Cal Poly Pomona and to hire adequate staff to support the position.

staff, and administrators with conflicts and concerns, and an opportunity to deescalate volatile situations."

**Adopted February 17, 2022:** 

Support of the Hiring of a **University Ombuds** 

# Joint Senate Working Group on Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution

**Final Report December 2022** 

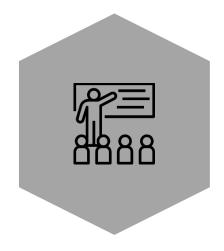
## **Key Findings:**



Confidentiality and independence



Provision of multiple services by experts



Significant investment in training



Adequate resources



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# **CONFLICT RESOLUTION SERVICES**& OMBUDS OFFICE KEY FEATURES

#### **CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOCUS**

- Emphasizes the use of conflict resolution processes, including mediation, facilitation, and other collaborative approaches, to address conflicts.
- Aims to promote dialogue, understanding, and resolution, while respecting the rights and perspectives of all parties involved.

#### **ACCESS**

- Has access to and established clear lines of communication with all levels of administration to facilitate responsiveness to campus needs.
- The office is accessible to all members of the campus community, irrespective of their role or position.
- It recognizes and values diversity, inclusivity, and cultural differences, ensuring that services are available to individuals from various backgrounds.

#### **CORE PRINCIPLES**

- Upholds core principles such as neutrality, confidentiality, and fairness.
- Adheres to professional standards of ethics and confidentiality, ensuring that individuals can freely express their concerns without fear of reprisal.

#### **SERVICES**

- Guidance and resources on navigating university policies, procedures, and resources
- Training programs on conflict resolution, effective communication, and other relevant skills
- Regular reporting on trends, issues, and recommendations to the university administration while maintaining individual confidentiality

#### Independent

Ensures its ability to operate free from influence, thereby fostering trust and enabling unbiased assistance to individuals seeking resolution

#### **Neutral**

Allows the office to provide an impartial platform for resolving conflicts, promoting open dialogue, and ensuring equitable outcomes

#### **Confidential**

Safeguards individuals'
privacy and encourages open
communication, creating a
safe space for addressing
sensitive matters

## **Implementation**







Confer with Academic Senate for feedback; input

STEP 02



The new Ombuds builds out office and develops Faculty and Student Fellows positions and fill 2023-24 and 24-25

**STEP 04** 



The office provides periodic reports to the university administration, highlighting trends, patterns, and systemic issues observed during the conflict resolution process.

STEP 06



Form working group to develop:

- Ombuds office operating principles and functioning criteria
  - Position description



**STEP 03** 

Form Search Committee and Hire Ombuds, targeting the Fall for onboarding



**STEP 05** 

The office engages in proactive efforts to prevent conflicts by providing resources, training, and educational programs on effective communication, conflict management, and related issues



Fall 2023 related issues 2025



Does this model address the needs that faculty see on campus?

What are the desired characteristics of Faculty Fellows?

**Other Questions?** 



# "Diving into Discourse: Your Input, Our Growth"





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# Thank You

