CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA ACADEMIC SENATE

RESOLUTION

A Resolution Urging the Creation of an On-Line, Searchable University Manual

Whereas,	Every large bureaucratic social institution requires for its efficient and responsible management an authoritative manual of specified policies and operations; and
Whereas,	It is in the best interest of full faculty participation in shared governance to have a university-wide process for updating and maintaining a University Policy Manual, which will assist the essential transparency across the University; and
Whereas,	The CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA operated for many years with such an authoritative manual kept in several hard-copy binders which were systematically maintained through a specified process; and
Whereas,	For several years now the hard copy University Manual at Cal Poly Pomona has fallen into disuse, and
Whereas,	University policy currently resides in multiple repositories in disparate places, under disparate names and with diverse stewardship; and
Whereas,	An attempt to remedy this situation and create a new University Policy Manual made some strides in 2008 with the construction of a systematic numbering system for logically ordering policies but ultimately stopped short of its goal; and
Whereas,	The campus has been operating on an interim policy process the last nine years; and
Whereas,	The Division of Academic Affairs has been working internally to bring academic policies into conformity with the organizational structure proposed in 2008; and
Whereas,	The cross-division conversation about the University Manual, long dormant, has been rekindled with the accession to office of a new president and several new key participants from other divisions; and
Whereas,	It is possible to foresee the creation and approval of a University Manual without adding overmuch to the Senate's current business and without detracting from the essential ongoing work of the Senate, especially Calendar Conversion; therefore be it
Resolved,	That the Academic Senate of the CALIFORNIA STATE POLYECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA supports the timely creation of an on-line, searchable University Policy Manual and an accompanying process for initial review and subsequent revision, and urges all University Officials to work diligently toward this goal; and be it further,
Resolved,	That the Academic Senate encourages the Senate Leadership to participate in conversations with other University officials (particularly the President and Vice Presidents) leading to this end; and be it further
Resolved,	That the Senate Leadership be charged with reporting back to the Senate all proposals apposite to this end, eschewing any unusual prerogatives not normally their own; and be it further

Resolved,	That all matters requiring Senate approval related to the creation of a University Manual be presented for Senate consideration through the regular referral process; and be further
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Resolved, That any necessary By-Laws or Constitutional revisions shall be handled in a timely manner through established procedures; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the President and Vice Presidents and posted on the Senate website.

Unanimously adopted by the Academic Senate of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona on April 15, 2015.

Dr. David M. Speak, Chair Academic Senate