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ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA

AS-732-11

RESOLUTION ON POSTING PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES
IN THE CAL POLY ONLINE CATALOG

- 1 WHEREAS, The WASC visiting team has recommended that “considerable effort needs to occur in the
2 next 18 months to assure: 1) that there is alignment between university, program, and course
3 learning objectives across the institution; and 2) that all learning objectives appear
4 systematically in university documents”; and
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- 6 WHEREAS, This recommendation reflects the consensus on best practice among WASC-member
7 institutions; and
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- 9 WHEREAS, In the course of program review, *academic programs report their program learning
10 objectives (PLOs) and map them to the University Learning Objectives (ULOs); and
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- 12 WHEREAS, As a part of Educational Effectiveness Review (EER), programs have also reported their
13 PLOs to the Academic Senate and explained their alignment with the ULOs; and
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- 15 WHEREAS, PLOs are defined by the faculty to promote the clarity and coherence of the program; and
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- 17 WHEREAS, PLOs apply to all students in the program; and
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- 19 WHEREAS, The availability of PLOs provides students and others with the general goals of the major,
20 while outlining the structure of knowledge, skills, and values associated with the discipline;
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- 23 WHEREAS, The Cal Poly online catalog is the official source of university information; and
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- 25 WHEREAS, The program/department reviews catalog information on a regular basis; therefore be it
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- 27 RESOLVED That program learning objectives (PLOs) be listed with other program information in the Cal
28 Poly online catalog.

*"An academic program is a structured grouping of coursework leading to a baccalaureate or graduate degree or to a teaching credential."

Proposed by: WASC/Academic Senate Integration and
Student Learning Task Force

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Memorandum

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Date: June 28, 2011

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Subject Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-732-11
Resolution on Posting Program Learning Objectives in the Cal Poly Online Catalog

This memo formally acknowledges receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.