

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

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RESOLUTION ON STATE-SUPPORTED SUMMER QUARTER

- WHEREAS, The campus of the California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo has been impacted for the last three years, turning away approximately 4,000 applicants annually, and
- WHEREAS, Termination of State-Supported Summer Quarter would result in the denial of entrance to a minimum of 1,300 applicants who are now accommodated, and
- WHEREAS, The San Luis Obispo curriculum offers degree programs which are unavailable at other CSUC campuses, so that students turned away cannot fulfill their degree objectives elsewhere, and
- WHEREAS, During the academic year, 1977-78, the Summer Quarter accounted for 24 percent of the degrees awarded, and since this campus is operating under an enrollment plateau which has already been met, an equivalent number of new students would have to be denied fall quarter admission, and
- WHEREAS, The impact of the San Luis Obispo campus has already resulted in high percentages of over-utilization of laboratory and other facilities, the pressure thus far only being mitigated by the existence of State-Support Summer Quarter, and
- WHEREAS, The extensive agricultural program by its nature must operate on a year-round basis, and
- WHEREAS, The cost of maintaining facilities and grounds continues through the summer whether or not there are students, and
- WHEREAS, Students polled during the 1978 Summer Quarter stated their need for State-Supported Summer Quarter for the following major reasons: early degree completion (45.6%), could not afford to lengthen education (46.4%), and difficulty in scheduling classes in other quarters (32.0%), and
- WHEREAS, The Academic Council and the Administrative Council of the Associated Students, Inc., unanimously support continuation of State-Supported Summer Quarter, and
- WHEREAS, The Report of the President of September 15, 1978 indicates that Summer Quarter operations at San Luis Obispo are cost-effective, and

WHEREAS, The termination of State-Supported Summer Quarter would result in significant losses in revenue to Food Services, University Bookstore, on-campus housing program, and University Union (losses estimated at \$40,000 for the U.U. alone), and

WHEREAS, The community of San Luis Obispo, with a population of approximately 35,000, would suffer an estimated loss of almost \$2,000,000.00 of revenue with the termination of State-Supported Summer Quarter, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, urges in the strongest terms the continuation of State-Supported Summer Quarter as essential to the educational programs at this institution, to the needs of the students, and to the best interests of the community.

APPROVED

MAY 15, 1979