

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

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MISSION STATEMENT

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, is committed to the following fundamental objectives:

1. Continuation of excellence in undergraduate education.
2. Promotion of excellence in academic and professional endeavors.
3. Continuation of an emphasis on selected applied fields within the polytechnic spectrum offered at the university.

It is recognized that all degree programs have a common base in the arts, humanities, and sciences. The polytechnic programs emphasized at Cal Poly are based on the sciences and involve the application of knowledge from the sciences and other areas to the solution of contemporary problems. Programs within the applied fields of agriculture, science and mathematics, architecture, engineering, business and home economics are appropriate. As science and technology evolve, new academic programs and new emphases within existing programs will come into being.

Both existing and new programs at Cal Poly will continue to emphasize the applied aspects without neglecting the importance of principle and theory.

A polytechnic university recognizes the important roles played by the arts, humanities and sciences and has a special responsibility to ensure that its students are intellectually broadened and challenged by exposure to them. While emphasizing certain polytechnic programs, the university affirms the importance of offering and sustaining programs of high quality in the arts, humanities, and sciences.

4. Establishment and maintenance of an educational environment wherein its faculty and students are encouraged to pursue professional growth and personal goals.