

Adopted: April 16, 1991

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California**

**AS-352-91/EX
RESOLUTION ON
ROTC PROGRAMS**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, support the following Resolved clauses of Academic Senate CSU resolution AS-1980-91/AA on "11CSU Policy on Non-Discrimination and ROTC Programs" (attached):

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU urge the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees, and the campus presidents to use the moral force of their office to cause the Congress to abandon the Department of Defense's discriminatory policy against homosexuals; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU urge the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees to enact statewide procedures to ensure that its nondiscrimination policy for all students, in all campus programs throughout the system, be observed.

Academic Senate
Executive Committee
April 2, 1991
Revised April 16,
1991

(Item 2)

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

AS-1980-91/AA
January 10-11, 1991

**CSU POLICY ON NON-DISCRIMINATION
AND ROTC PROGRAMS**

- WHEREAS, Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is a violation of basic human rights; and
- WHEREAS, California State University campuses maintain relations and contracts with the United States Department of Defense whereby Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs are taught on various campuses; and
- WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense's policy and regulations exclude homosexuals from military ranks; and
- WHEREAS, There is scholarly evidence that the policy of discrimination by the military on the basis of sexual orientation is a policy based on prejudice and is not beneficial to the national defense; and
- WHEREAS, It is a violation of CSU policy for the CSU system, or any part of it, to discriminate in employment or access on the basis of sexual orientation; and
- WHEREAS, The CSU makes vigorous efforts to create campus climates free of bigotry and prejudice; and
- WHEREAS, The Department of Defense policy and practice of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is inimical to the values of the university; and
- WHEREAS, Allowing academic credit for ROTC courses and awarding faculty status to instructors who teach in these programs facilitates such discrimination by lending institutional support and respectability to the Department of Defense's policy of discrimination; and
- WHEREAS, In May, 1990 the Academic Senate CSU called upon the Department of Defense to end its discriminatory policy based on sexual orientation (AS-1939-90/AA); and
- WHEREAS, In May, 1990 the Academic Senate CSU urged the campus senates to consider action if the military's policy discrimination against homosexuals was not rescinded by January 1, 1991; and

WHEREAS, In June, 1990 the Chair of the Academic Senate CSU received a reply from a Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of Defense, which stated: "Accordingly, we [the Department of Defense] do not plan to reassess the Department's policy on homosexuality."; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University urge the campus senates and campus presidents to enact the following policies:

- (a) ROTC programs shall not be allowed to enroll any additional students;
- (b) students already enrolled in ROTC programs shall be allowed to complete the program;
- (b) all contracts with the United States military regarding the offering of ROTC programs at the University shall be terminated, not be renewed, or be allowed to expire; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU urge the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees to enact statewide procedures to ensure that its nondiscrimination policy for all students, in all campus programs throughout the system, be observed; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU urge the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees, and the campus presidents to use the moral force of their offices to cause the Congress to abandon the Department of Defense's discriminatory policy against homosexuals; and be it further

RESOLVED: That should the Department of Defense end its discriminatory policy regarding homosexuals, the Academic Senate CSU urge that campus policies regarding ROTC be modified accordingly.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY - March 1, 1992

State of California
M e m o r a n d u m

To: Jack Wilson, Chair
Academic Senate

Date: August 12, 1992

From: Warren Baker
President

File No.:

Copies: R. Koob

Subject: American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Resolution Regarding ROTC

Attached is a copy of a letter and other materials from the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation requesting the university to sign a proposed resolution urging the U.S. Government to rescind the Department of Defense policy regarding sexual orientation. Based upon the resolution adopted by the Academic Senate last year (AS-352-91), it is my intent to sign this resolution unless you feel such action would be in conflict with the Academic Senate position.

Unless I hear from you by the end of next week, I will assume you agree with my interpretation, and I will sign and forward this resolution.

Attachments