

Adopted: May 14, 1991

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

Background Statement: Major problems exist in agricultural safety education because there is no agricultural safety center in the United States whose primary scope is the training and distributing of educational materials in farm safety. The majority of information available is outdated. What is available does not address safety problems unique to the California agricultural environment.

Agriculture is the most hazardous area of employment in the state of California. Although accidents in the industry cost employers and insurance carriers millions of dollars yearly in premiums and claims, the public is largely unaware of the seriousness of the problem.

California law SB 198 requires all employers, including the agricultural industry and California Colleges and Universities, to have a safety program in effect by July 1, 1991. Information in safety training necessary to establish the required safety programs and train agricultural employees, 4H personnel, agriculture teachers and others in farm safety is largely unavailable.

Industry has encouraged the School of Agriculture to expand its activities in agricultural safety education. The creation of the Agricultural Safety Institute will fill both a state and national need as a source of information and training in agricultural safety.

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RESOLUTION ON
PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE
AGRICULTURAL SAFETY INSTITUTE**

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the most hazardous industry in California; and

WHEREAS, Injuries, illnesses, and fatalities result in untold pain and suffering for workers, their families, and employers; and

WHEREAS, Injuries, illnesses, and fatalities cost agricultural employers and employees millions of dollars annually; and

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WHEREAS, These losses result in the increased cost of agricultural products to consumers;
and

WHEREAS, Effective hands-on training in agricultural safety can reduce or eliminate injuries
and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, The need for training and up-to-date training materials exists; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That a privately funded Agricultural Safety Institute be established at California
Polytechnic State University.

Proposed by: Paul Dilger,
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Agricultural Engineering
April 16, 1991

State of California

MEMORANDUM

To: Charles Andrews, Chair
Academic Senate

Date: July 11, 1991

File No.:

From: Warren J. Baker
President

Copies: R Koob

Subject: ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTIONS
AS-359-91, AS-361-91 AND AS-362-91

In my response to James Murphy on May 30, I indicated that the three subject resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate at its May 14 meeting were being forwarded to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for review and recommendation. Based upon that review, I am pleased to endorse and approve these three resolutions:

AS-359-91/IC Resolution on Academic Probation and Disqualification

AS-361-91 Resolution on U.S. Ethnic Pluralism Program

AS-362-1 Resolution on Proposal to Establish the Agricultural Safety Institute

State of California

Memorandum

To: James Murphy, Chair
Academic Senate

Date: May 30, 1991

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From: Warren J. Baker
President

Copies: R. Koob
J. Pieper
A. McDonald

Subject: ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTIONS, MAY 14, 1991

This will acknowledge your memo of May 14 with which you forwarded the resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate at its May 14 meeting. Resolutions AS-357-91/IC, dealing with the Academic Calendar Processing, and AS-358-91/C&BC, dealing with the Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee, are resolutions dealing with the manner in which the Academic Senate operates and need no further action on my part.

Resolutions AS-359-91/IC, dealing with Academic Probation and Disqualification; AS-361-91, dealing with U.S. Ethnic Pluralism Program; and AS-362, dealing with a Proposal to Establish an Agricultural Safety Institute, have been forwarded to Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob for his assessment and recommendation.

AS-360-91, regarding a Resolution on Job Announcement Recommendation, has been forwarded to Vice President Koob, Affirmative Action Director Anna McDonald and Director of Personnel and Employee Relations Jan Pieper for review and recommendation.

We will respond to the Academic Senate regarding these resolutions as soon as the review has been completed.