

**Adopted: May 28, 1991**

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

**AS-364-91**

**RESOLUTION ON  
THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE COASTAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE AT  
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY  
SAN LUIS OBISPO**

Background Statement: In 1988, representatives of the Morro Bay Task Force approached President Baker to determine campus interest in establishing a unit which would function as a research arm of a proposed Morro Bay Research Foundation. The Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research called together campus faculty members with research interests in estuarine studies to explore their interest in establishing such a center. These faculty members met over the last three years, developing a theme and expanding their membership to include active representatives from five of the seven schools. The proposed academic unit is intended to be interdisciplinary, and would be situated administratively in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research. The results of that planning and deliberation is expressed in this proposal, forwarded by the chair of the ad hoc committee for the formation of a Coastal Resources institute.

Coastal resources (air, water, land, soil, watersheds, beaches, lagoons, estuaries, wildlife, fisheries, and nearshore continental shelf) have been seriously threatened and/or altered by California's population growth and development. Many fragile coastal zone areas have been overwhelmed by human activity, resulting in land-use changes, altered runoff volumes and quality, environmental disturbances and degradation, numerous forms of pollution, offshore changes in fisheries, and sedimentary depletions caused by oil and mineral exploration in surrounding watersheds. Much of our coastal zone has been destroyed or altered through human activities, and no coastal resources have remained untouched.

It is in response to this critical local, regional, and international need for coastal resources management that the Coastal Resources Institute (CRI) is being proposed. Studies, programs, and strategies must be developed to mitigate, reverse, improve, and/or properly manage the harmful effects that human activities have had and are continuing to have on the world's coastal environments.

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- WHEREAS, The coastal system is experiencing the most rapid human expansion in history;  
and
- WHEREAS, The natural resources of the system are in jeopardy due to this rapid expansion;  
and
- WHEREAS, The coastal system could benefit from interdisciplinary approaches to resources  
planning and management; and
- WHEREAS, California Polytechnic State University has the technical and professional  
capabilities to provide such planning and management; and
- WHEREAS, The expertise needed to address these issues is spread among a number of schools  
at California Polytechnic State University; and
- WHEREAS, It is desirable to provide these interested faculty members and students with a  
means wherein to concentrate their energies in professional development and  
scientific endeavors; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That a Coastal Resources Institute be established at California Polytechnic State  
University as recommended in the attached proposal.

Proposed By:  
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April 22, 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: RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ACADEMIC  
SENATE -- MAY 28, MAY 30 AND JUNE 4**

I want to acknowledge the memo of June 13 forwarded by James Murphy in which he transmitted a series of resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate at its meetings of May 28, May 30 and June 4. The resolutions and my initial reactions are as follows:

AS-363-91, Intercollegiate Athletics Budget Reductions

I acknowledge the resolution adopted by the Senate and, as you are aware, the General Fund support for Athletics for 1991-92 was reduced 20 percent. It is not possible to make a commitment with regard to the second resolved clause recommending an additional 20 percent reduction for 1992-93.

AS-364-91, Coastal Resources Institute

This resolution is being forwarded to Vice President Koob for review and recommendation.

AS-365-91/C&BC, Academic Senate Representation on the University Center for  
Teacher Education

This resolution is internal to the operations of the Academic Senate and I understand is subject to a vote of the faculty. It's my understanding that it is intended that this issue, along with others acted upon by the Senate this last year, will be placed before the faculty in 1991-92.

AS-366-91/PPC, Resolution on Racism and Discrimination

This resolution is being forwarded to Vice Presidents Koob and Scott along with Anna McDonald, Affirmative Action Director, and Jan Pieper, Director of Personnel and Employee Relations, for review, comment and recommendations.

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AS-367-91/FB, Fairness Board Reporting Procedures

Again, this is a resolution relating to the internal operations of the Senate. I want to acknowledge receipt of this resolution. For your information, I have received a copy of the report for 1990-91. In addition, we will make the appropriate change in the Campus Administrative Manual.

AS-368-91/PPC, Resolution on Academic Freedom

This is being forwarded to Vice President Koob and Mike Suess, Associate Director of Personnel and Employee Relations, for review and comment and for consistency with the Faculty Handbook and collective bargaining agreement.

AS-369-91/EX, Resolution on Ethnic Diversity

This resolution is being forwarded to Vice Presidents Scott and Koob, Anna McDonald, Affirmative Action Director, and the members of the Equal Opportunity Advisory Council.