

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA

AS-628-05

RESOLUTION ON ACCESSIBILITY TO
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The policy of The California State University (CSU) is to make its programs, services, and
2 activities accessible to students, faculty, staff, and the general public with disabilities; and
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- 4 **WHEREAS,** Accessibility to information technology resources—such as web-based materials,
5 programs and services—is mandated by federal and state law, including Section 508 of the
6 U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Section 11135 of the California Government Code;
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- 9 **WHEREAS,** The CSU and its campuses (including Cal Poly) are required to comply with these laws,
10 and it is the policy of the CSU to make information technology resources and services
11 accessible to all CSU students, faculty, staff and the general public regardless of disability;
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- 14 **WHEREAS,** Executive Order 926 (<http://www.calstate.edu/EO/EO-926.html>), which went into effect
15 on January 1, 2005, documents CSU policies on disability support and accommodation,
16 including access to electronic resources, and delegates responsibility to campus presidents
17 to develop plans for compliance; and
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- 19 **WHEREAS,** Noncompliance may incur costly legal penalties and tougher sanctions against the
20 University based on recent experiences by other California colleges and universities; and
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- 22 **WHEREAS,** Cal Poly has committed existing resources to facilitate and support campus compliance.
23 Information Technology Services, Robert E. Kennedy Library and the Disability Resource
24 Center are coordinating efforts to identify and address individual needs to develop,
25 implement and support resources for making campus information technologies more
26 accessible; and
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- 28 **WHEREAS,** CSU has established a system wide Center for Alternative Media to help expedite delivery
29 of electronic texts (e-texts of instructional materials) to eligible CSU students with
30 disabilities; and
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- 32 **WHEREAS,** With the exception of mathematics and science textbooks, state law (AB 422) now
33 requires publishers or manufacturers of printed instructional materials for students
34 attending CSU to provide the same materials in an electronic format (at no charge to the
35 University) to promote accessibility by students with disabilities; and
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- 37 **WHEREAS,** University administration and campus computing advisory committees (IRMPPC, AACC,
38 IACC, SC3) have charged ITS with coordinating development of a framework to achieve

- 39 campus compliance with respect to accessibility to information technology resources and
40 services; therefore be it
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- 42 **RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate strongly endorse an active University role in establishing and
43 maintaining a program of compliance with existing CSU policy and existing law
44 governing accessibility to campus information technology resources; and be it further
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- 46 **RESOLVED:** That this University program be campus-specific and outline a reasonable timeline for
47 compliance; and be it further
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- 49 **RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate and appropriate faculty units be active participants in the
50 construction of this program and in future program changes; and be it further
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- 52 **RESOLVED:** That no recommendations concerning this program be sent to the Academic Senate
53 without the prior review of the Academic Senate Instruction Committee.

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and Faculty Recruitment), Ann Fryer (Interim
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ACADEMIC SENATE

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-628-05
Resolution on Accessibility to Information Technology Resources

I am pleased to acknowledge and approve the above-entitled Resolution. As the Resolution notes, Information Technology Services (ITS) has been charged with developing a framework to insure campus compliance with Federal and State laws and CSU policies regarding accessibility to electronic resources by students, faculty, staff and the general public with disabilities. ITS will coordinate the development of these policies in consultation with the campus computing advisory committees, the Disability Resource Center, the Academic Senate and its Instruction Committee.

I appreciate the efforts that the Academic Senate and other offices have done in the addressing this important issue.