

Adopted: May 8, 2007

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

AS-655-07

**RESOLUTION ON
CONSOLIDATION OF ACADEMIC SENATE
FAIRNESS AND STUDENT GRIEVANCE BOARDS**

- 1 WHEREAS, The Student Grievance Board was established in 1998 to hear “student grievances
2 concerning faculty that do not involve grade appeals and are not covered by
3 existing policies” (AS-500-98/ETF); and
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- 5 WHEREAS, The Student Grievance Board has never heard a case; and
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- 7 WHEREAS, The service culture of the University is best served by a committee structure that
8 is compact and robust;
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- 10 WHEREAS, The Fairness Board has well-defined procedures for handling grade disputes that
11 can be easily modified to deal with disputes currently under the purview of the
12 Student Grievance Board; and
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- 14 WHEREAS, No significant amount of additional work will accrue to members of the Fairness
15 Board if the responsibilities of the Student Grievance Board are delegated to the
16 Fairness Board; and
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- 18 WHEREAS, There is no mention of the Student Grievance Board on any of the website
19 students would likely consult when seeking dispute resolution (e.g., Dean of
20 Students, OSRR, Academic Programs); therefore be it
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- 22 RESOLVED: That the Student Grievance Board be abolished; and be it further
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- 24 RESOLVED: That the Fairness Board assume the responsibilities of the Student Grievance
25 Board effective immediately; and be it further
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- 27 RESOLVED: That all references to the Student Grievance Board be removed from the
28 Academic Senate bylaws; and be it further
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- 30 RESOLVED: That other University documents, including websites, shall be revised
31 immediately to reflect this change; and be it further
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- 33 RESOLVED: That the bylaws description of the Fairness Board be revised as follows:

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- a. Membership
The Fairness Board shall ~~consist of one tenure or tenure track faculty members from each college and one tenure or tenure track member from Student Affairs, all appointed by the Chair of the Academic Senate for two year terms~~ include two student members selected by the ASI with no less than junior standing and three consecutive quarters of attendance at Cal Poly preceding appointment. The Board shall also include as an ex officio member the Vice President of Student Affairs or designee.
- b. The procedures to be followed and the problems to be considered shall be approved by the Academic Senate and published as a document entitled *Fairness Board Description and Procedures*. ~~Changes in the document shall be made by the Senate upon recommendation of the Fairness Board.~~ The Board shall report to the Provost and Academic Senate Chair;

and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Fairness Board shall develop new procedures consistent with this change and with Title V, Article 2, Section 41301; EO 320, 969 and 970; CAM 684; and all other relevant policies; and be it further

RESOLVED: That these new procedures encourage the informal resolution of a student grievance concerning an instructor within the instructor's department with the possible later involvement of the Dean of Students; and be it further

RESOLVED: That these new procedures provide that, if informal resolution is not possible, that such a grievance may be presented to a hearing of the Fairness Board; and be it further

RESOLVED: That these new procedures should permit a student to bring to the hearing a supportive advocate but not an attorney or legal advisor; and be it further


RESOLVED: That these new procedures emphasize impartiality, confidentiality, and due process defined as the student's right to be notified and be heard.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
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To: Bruno Giberti
Chair, Academic Senate

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-655-07
Resolution on Consolidation of Academic Senate Fairness and Student Grievance Boards

I acknowledge receipt and approval of the above-entitled Academic Senate Resolution and agree that the consolidation of these two committees into one will better serve the students.