



TO: Orfalea College of Business Community
Dave Christy, Dean

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SUBJECT: Report from Domain 6 Study Group

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Domain Title: NOW AND IN THE FUTURE: CAMPUS/SYSTEM IDENTITY

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The study group met on Tuesday, January 30, 8:00-9:00, room 341. Following a brain storming session a first draft was generated and circulated electronically to the group. Individuals provided additional input that resulted in this final version.

I. Proposition: Cal Poly's identity as a distinguished residential comprehensive polytechnic university within the Cal State system should be maintained, nurtured and developed in order to enhance the CSU identity.

Action:

1. Develop partnerships with excellent undergraduate polytechnic institutions internationally in order to promote international cooperation in various forms (student exchanges, faculty exchanges, research collaborations, etc...).
2. Develop comprehensive partnerships with diverse industries (internship programs; sr. projects; scientists and executives in residence programs; faculty in residence programs; advanced courses that are co-designed and co-delivered by academically qualified and professional qualified industry leaders; establish collaborative research programs).
3. Develop interdisciplinary courses and programs.
4. Set high standards for admission and academic performance, enhancing educational opportunities through state of the art laboratories and classrooms, research collaboration with faculty, and senior projects that implement our learn-by-doing philosophy.

II. Proposition: Cal Poly should take the lead within the Cal State system to develop and maintain educational programs that integrate and emphasize ethical behavior, social responsibility, and sustainability within a polytechnic educational framework.

Action:

1. Integrate the topics of ethical behavior, social responsibility and sustainability into appropriate existing courses in all of Cal Poly's degree programs.
2. Continue to develop disciplinary and interdisciplinary courses and academic programs that focus on sustainability.
3. Develop partnerships with other premier academic institutions and industries that have taken the lead in the education and practice of social responsibility and sustainability.