Support of Proposition 30 on the November 2012 ballot: Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding

WHEREAS: California, which once enjoyed the envy of the nation and indeed the world for the quality of its public education system, has found it increasingly difficult to provide even minimal levels of state support to K-12 and higher education; and,

WHEREAS: This lack of support threatens the viability of the notion of public education by compromising access and quality; and

WHEREAS: The viability of a healthy state economy and stable, just society depend fundamentally upon public educational institutions that are both broadly accessible and of high quality; and

WHEREAS: At the July 17, 2012 meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees, the importance of Prop 30 for the CSU was made clear. According to AVC Robert Turnage, campuses are already struggling with the effects of the $750 million reduction in state support last year. The failure of Prop 30 on the November 2012 ballot would guarantee another $250 million trigger cut to the California State University system. If this trigger cut is implemented, annual state support for the system will fall to approximately $1.8 billion, a loss of annual funding of almost $1.2 billion, or 39 percent, from the peak level of state support of nearly $3 billion in the 2007-08 fiscal year.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State Polytechnic University Pomona support Proposition 30, Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State Polytechnic University Pomona commend the Academic Senate of the CSU, the California State Student Association, and several of our sister campus Academic Senates for their resolutions in support of Proposition 30 and for their commitment to educate and mobilize CSU students and others to support Proposition 30; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State Polytechnic University Pomona encourages faculty, staff, students, alumni, families, and friends to support Proposition 30; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be distributed to President Ortiz, the CSU Board of Trustees, campus presidents, campus senate chairs, California State Student Association, California Faculty Association and other collective bargaining units in the CSU, Intersegmental Council of Academic Senates, membership of the California State Legislature, Governor Jerry Brown, and the “Yes on Prop 30” campaign.

Unanimously adopted by the Academic Senate of California Polytechnic University, Pomona on September 26, 2012

David M. Speak, Chair, Academic Senate