

Resolution Concerning Renaming of Science Hall II

WHEREAS, There exist on the California State University San Marcos campus two buildings, Science Hall (Building 3) and Science Hall II (Building 37), whose names are easily confused; and

WHEREAS, Room numbers for Science Hall II are frequently abbreviated as, for example, SCI 2 243, leading some students to wander Science Hall looking for room 2243; and

WHEREAS, Faculty and staff must frequently interrupt their work, especially at the beginnings of semesters, to explain to students and/or vendors that they are in the wrong building; and

WHEREAS, Students are sometimes late for classes and appointments because they initially go to the wrong building; and

WHEREAS, Student and Community perceptions of the campus are negatively influenced by the confusion caused by the similarity of building names; and

WHEREAS, Attempts to reduce the confusion by putting up signs at building entrances and to change the way room numbers are listed in schedules have not succeeded in reducing the level of confusion to an acceptable level; and

WHEREAS, The original promise of anonymous building names as a possible incentive for fundraising has not yet yielded sufficient gifts to change the names of Science Hall, Academic Hall, University Hall, Science Hall II, or Arts Hall, even 15 years after the opening of Science and Academic Halls; and

WHEREAS, Fundraising for completion of Science II has proceeded without any gifts of sufficient size to warrant changing the name of this building; and

WHEREAS, The eventual renovation of the first Science Hall may be a big enough fundraising target to gain a name-changing donation for this building; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 713 delegates to University Presidents the authority to grant "temporary" names to facilities, pending gifts for more permanent names; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate at California State University San Marcos form a Building 37 Renaming Task Force to recommend a new name for Building 37; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force be charged with investigating the costs associated with changing a building name, and, if the cost is not prohibitive, choosing a name for building 37 that that is in compliance with the California State University guidelines for building names; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force be charged with choosing a name that does not include the word "Science," and that is also connected in some way with the scientific disciplines housed in the building; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate recommend to the President that this name be promptly adopted as the official "temporary" name of the building, and that all external and internal signage, directory listings, and addresses be changed to reflect this new building name.