

## Cal Poly Pomona Geology Department Being Reviewed for Closure

Greetings Officers of the AEG Inland Empire Chapter,

Hope you are all enjoying a fine holiday season! I'm writing to ask for your immediate help and support.

As you may have heard through the "grapevine", the Provost of Cal Poly Pomona University has announced his intention to close the Geological Sciences Department, unless we can show him that we are valuable and viable. We are seeking letters from local geoscientists, employers, and professional societies in support of the Department and its two B.S. degree programs (Geology & IES).

We would greatly appreciate a support letter from the Inland Empire AEG Chapter, and individually from any of you as employers or colleagues of our graduates.

Due to the economic crisis, Geology departments across the U.S are under attack right now because they are typically smaller than other science departments. We are no exception. The support of alumni, employers, and professional societies is proving to be one of the most effective weapons to combat closure of Geology programs at other universities.

Please take a few moments to write a letter of support, describing why the Cal Poly Pomona Geological Sciences Department has been important to you, your company, your organization, and/or the geoscience profession and community in general. Personal anecdotes are encouraged, as they are very powerful in convincing the powers that be. It is important to recognize that most of our campus administrators are relatively new to southern California and have little institutional memory. Be honest, be genuine. Please stand up for Geology at Cal Poly Pomona! Please make 3 copies of your letter and address them to:

- Dr. Marten den Boer, Provost, Academic Affairs Division, California State Polytechnic University 3801 W. Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768
- Dr. Donald Straney, Dean, College of Science, California State Polytechnic University, 3801 W. Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768
- Dr. Jonathan Nourse, Chair, Geological Sciences Department, California State Polytechnic University, 3801 W. Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768

Please pass this message along to other geoscientists and supporters of the Cal Poly Pomona Geological Sciences Department!! Please see attached documents and our department web site for ideas in composing your letters .<http://geology.csupomona.edu/>

Thank you!!

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