ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California

Background statement: During the 1985/86 academic year, the Fairness Board was asked to draft policies on retention of exams by faculty, and student access to exams and other evaluation instruments. At present, there are no provisions within CAM regarding these topics.

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RESOLUTION ON
RETENTION OF EXAMS AND STUDENT ACCESS TO SAME

WHEREAS, Students have occasionally experienced problems in the past gaining access to exams and other evaluation instruments; and

WHEREAS, Faculty currently have no formal obligations as far as retention of evaluation materials; and

WHEREAS, It would be desirable to have a uniform policy on the campus, for the sake of fairness and resolution of any student/faculty disagreement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the policy listed below be added to the appropriate section of CAM:

### Retention of Exams and Other Evaluation Instruments

#### 1. Faculty Responsibilities Regarding Retention of Exams and Other Evaluation Instruments

Exams, papers, projects, or other tangible items used in the evaluation of students need not be retained by the instructor beyond the end of the term of evaluation, if there was an announced opportunity for students to retrieve same during the term.

For final exams or other evaluation instruments where no announced opportunity for student review existed before the end of the term, instructors should retain the materials for one full quarter. While special situations may arise requiring deviation from this goal, instructors will be responsible to defend any deviation in the event of a subsequent review of a student's evaluation.

#### 2. Student Access to Evaluation Instruments

Upon request, instructors should offer students access to all exams, papers, projects or other items used in evaluation which have been retained by the instructor. (See policy on retention, Section ______ above). At the discretion of the instructor, access may be restricted, such as permitting access only in the instructor's presence during office hours.
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In the event of a student grade grievance, the Fairness Board
shall be given access to available evaluation instruments.

Proposed By:
Fairness Board Committee/
Student Affairs Committee
February 17, 1987
Memorandum

To: Lloyd Lamouria, Chair
   Academic Senate

From: Warren J. Baker
   President

Subject: ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION ON RETENTION OF EXAMS AND STUDENT ACCESS TO SAME (AS-247-87/SA&FBC)

On March 11, you transmitted to me a resolution adopted by the Academic Senate on March 10 relative to retention of exams and student access to same (AS-247-87/SA&FBC). This recommendation has been reviewed by appropriate university staff, and I am pleased to approve the resolution as submitted.

The resolution calls for including a new section of CAM dealing with this issue. The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs is currently in the process of doing an editorial revision of CAM section 400 dealing with Academic Affairs, and by copy of this memo I will ask that he include the contents of the Academic Senate resolution within that section of CAM as it is developed.
Date: March 11, 1987 cc: Malcolm Wilson (w/atts)

To: Warren J. Baker, President

From: Lloyd H. Lamouria, Chair
Academic Senate

Subject: Proceedings of the Academic Senate, March 10, 1987
Resolution on Retention of Exams and Student Access to Same (AS-247-87/SA&FBC)

The above-referenced resolution was adopted by the Academic Senate on March 10, 1987 and is herewith forwarded for your consideration and approval.

This resolution adds a necessary section to CAM establishing a time period for retention of exams which will help facilitate the resolution of a grading dispute should such occur. In the absence of an instructor-announced opportunity for student review of final exams or other evaluative instruments, the retention of exams for one quarter was considered ample time for a student to bring his/her grievance before the proper individuals/agencies in the event of a dispute.

President Baker,

The staff and I have reviewed AS-247-87/SA&FBC and recommend its approval.

Malcolm