WHEREAS, Executive Order 268 specifies that "The symbol 'W' indicates that the student was permitted to drop the course after the ___ (day/week) of instruction with the approval of the instructor and appropriate campus officials. It carries no connotation of quality of student performance and is not used in calculating grade point average or progress points"; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 268 specifies that the grade of "U" is used "when, in the opinion of the instructor, completed assignments or course activities or both were insufficient to make normal evaluation of academic performance possible. For purposes of grade point average and progress point computation this symbol is equivalent to an "F"; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that registration is a student responsibility, and that students enrolling but failing to attend class are potentially preventing other students from utilizing campus resources; and

WHEREAS, In some cases, the "U" grade may represent an unduly harsh performance grade consequence for a procedural error; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That students may request a grade change from "U" to "W"; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That students may receive only one such grade change from "U" to "W" during their academic career at Cal Poly; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That such student-initiated grade changes will be governed by the policy set out in AS-384-92 (Resolution on Change of Grade) adopted April 14, 1992.

Proposed by the Academic Senate Instruction Committee
May 11, 1995
Enclosed is a copy of the recent Academic Senate Resolution (AS-449-95/IC) on "U" grades. By copy of this memorandum, I am requesting that this new policy be implemented immediately. Please insure that there is adequate publicity on this revised policy in order that both students and faculty are aware of this change.
I would like to acknowledge receipt of the Academic Senate Resolution 449-95/IC, on "U" Grades. I am pleased to approve this resolution and by copy of this memorandum will request that the Vice President for Academic Affairs oversee its implementation.