Adopted: November 24, 1998

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

AS-511-98/1C
RESOLUTION ON
THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR: RESOLVING CONFLICTS WITH RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

WHEREAS, C.A.M. section 481.B.1 states, "Whenever possible, the first day of instruction in each quarter will be Monday with a 48 day minimum per quarter (49 day minimum spring) and whenever possible the last day of instruction each quarter will be a Friday;" and

WHEREAS, The first Monday in the academic calendar for Fall Quarter occasionally falls on the significant holidays of Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur; and

WHEREAS, California state law stipulates that public institutions of higher education make every effort possible to accommodate observance of religious holidays; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to stay within the required number of Instructional Days and Academic Year Work Days; be it therefore

RESOLVED: That in calendar years in which the first Monday of Fall Quarter falls on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, that instruction will begin on the Tuesday of that week; and be it further

RESOLVED: That during these same calendar years, minimum Academic Year Work Days will be maintained by extending the Fall term by one day, which will be noted as a "Grades Due" day but will not be an instructional day.

Proposed by the Academic Senate
Instruction Committee
November 16, 1998

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Memorandum

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To: Myron Hood
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: January 6, 1999

From: Warren 1. Baker
President

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Subject: Academic Senate Resolution AS-511-98/IC (Academic Calendar: Resolving Conflicts with Religious Holidays)

I am pleased to approve Academic Senate Resolution AS-511-98/IC (Academic Calendar: Resolving Conflicts with Religious Holidays). The Academic Senate and the Instruction Committee are to be commended for resolving the academic calendar problem associated with fall quarter when the start of classes occasionally occur on the significant Jewish holy days of Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur.

The implementation of this Resolution is effective immediately. By copy of this memorandum, I am asking that the Academic Affairs offices responsible for the preparation of Cal Poly's Academic Calendar implement this policy accordingly and prepare an appropriate public announcement of this change in campus policy.