Adopted: May 30, 2000

ACADEMIC SENATE
Of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA

AS-543-00IIC
RESOLUTION ON
PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CAMPUSWIDE
POLICY ON POSTHUMOUS DEGREES

WHEREAS, Cal Poly has had a long history of compassionate interaction with families and friends of students who died while enrolled at the University; and;

WHEREAS, This compassionate interaction is in the best interest of the families and the University; and

WHEREAS, The awarding of a posthumous degree has frequently brought closure to a tragic situation for the family and friends of the deceased student as well as the University; and

WHEREAS, There has in recent years been a need for a uniform University policy concerning awarding posthumous degrees; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the family or other interested parties of the deceased student may initiate a request for posthumous degree through the student's department; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the majority of faculty in the department of the student's major may recommend to the President the award of a posthumous degree to the family of a deceased student when that student has satisfactorily completed at least two-thirds (2/3) of all coursework towards a degree; and be it further

RESOLVED: That under special or unusual circumstances the President or designee may grant the awarding of a posthumous degree or certificate for a student who has completed less than two-thirds (2/3) of the degree course work.

Proposed by: The Academic Senate Instruction Committee
Date: April 13, 2000
Revised: May 24, 2000

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Memorandum

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To: Myron Hood
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: October 24, 2000

From: Warren J. Baker
President

Copies: Paul Zingg, David Conn,
Mary Whiteford

Subject: **Response to Senate Resolution AS-543-00/IC**
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This will acknowledge receipt and approval of the above subject Resolution. I commend the Senate for taking the lead in establishing this campuswide policy. It is a fair, compassionate and sensitive approach to a difficult issue.