

Adopted: February 10, 2004

**ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA**

AS-609-04/CC

**RESOLUTION ON
FREE ELECTIVES**

- 1 WHEREAS, Current campus policy per Academic Senate Resolution AS-234-87/CC and CAM
2 section 411.1 require each program at Cal Poly to include 9 units of free electives,
3 or supply justification why they cannot as part of their curriculum proposals each
4 cycle; and
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- 6 WHEREAS, The CSU Board of Trustees have reduced the minimum number of units for a
7 Bachelor's degree to 180 quarter units with the expectation that programs will
8 assume that level unless there is significant justification for a higher number of
9 units; and
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- 11 WHEREAS, Current CSU policy favors graduating students in a timely manner, which means
12 within four years for a four-year degree; and
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- 14 WHEREAS, Previous Academic Senate resolutions have encouraged departments to make their
15 curricula more flexible; therefore, be it
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- 17 RESOLVED: That programs proposing to reduce the number of required free electives below 8
18 units be required to provide justification.
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Proposed by: Academic Senate Curriculum Committee
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Memorandum

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Chair, Academic Senate

Date: March 4, 2004

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-609-04/CC
Resolution on Free Electives

I am pleased to approve the above subject Resolution endorsing a change in the campus Free Electives policy. This revision provides more curricular flexibility, and more importantly, will allow several majors to reduce the total units required for graduation, and thus contribute to enhancing student success.

Please extend my appreciation to members of the Curriculum Committee for their efforts in this regard.