

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

AS-618-04/GL

**RESOLUTION ON
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS:
GRADUATION RATES AND POST-SEASON COMPETITION**

- 1 WHEREAS, Intercollegiate athletics is one of the most visible and prominent activities at Cal Poly; and
2
3 WHEREAS, “Intercollegiate athletics is an integral part of the educational program of the University”*;
4 and
5
6 WHEREAS, More than two million dollars of state general fund monies per year is allocated to support
7 intercollegiate athletics at Cal Poly; and
8
9 WHEREAS, Every student athlete who participates in intercollegiate athletics at Cal Poly should have a
10 reasonable and realistic prospect of graduating; therefore, be it
11
12 RESOLVED: That only athletic teams and/or student athletes representing teams that have achieved a
13 50% six-year graduation rate** shall participate in NCAA post-season competition; and,
14 be it further
15
16 RESOLVED: That the Cal Poly Athletic Governing Board be charged with establishing policies and
17 procedures for phasing in the 50% graduation rate policy; and be it further
18
19 RESOLVED: That the Cal Poly Athletic Governing Board be charged with providing oversight for the
20 50% graduation rate policy; and be it further
21
22 RESOLVED: That every head coach shall be expected as part of her/his job requirements to attain and
23 maintain such a 50% graduation rate; and be it further
24
25 RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to every campus Academic Senate Chair, to
26 every member of the CSU Academic Senate, to every member of the Board of Trustees,
27 and to the Chancellor of the CSU in the hope that these recommendations will become
28 CSU policy for each campus.

Proposed by: George Lewis, Cal Poly Academic Senate Chair
Date: April 26, 2004
Revised: May 11, 2004
Revised: June 1, 2004

* *Discovering Student Community: Images of Success* (2004). A Cal Poly Division of Student Affairs publication.

** A four year rolling average that includes all athletes in a sport, both freshman cohort and transfers, who receive athletic aid or have participated in a regularly scheduled athletic event in that sport. A bachelor’s degree from any accredited four year institution constitutes graduation.