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   A. CAM 700 (Greenwald) (First Reading) (Attachment)
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      have already gotten a copy, it will not be attached to the agenda.
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   B. Commencement (Scriven) (Attachment) (First Reading)
ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

RESOLUTION ON COMMENCEMENT

Background

The current practice of holding one commencement ceremony in June has resulted in numerous problems brought on by the lack of adequate space at Cal Poly (or, for that matter, in the county) for such a gathering. These problems include the growing expense of furnishing temporary seating, the exclusion of guests from the ceremony, and the usual safety concerns that arise when facilities are overburdened.

A Committee to Review Commencement composed of Gerald Punches (Registrar), Art Dekleine (Mathematics), Kerrie Lambert (ASI), Carl Wallace (Associate Dean of Students), Bob Timone (Alumni Officer), and Frank Lebens (Academic Resource Planner) met in August to study alternatives to the current procedure. Among the alternatives discussed were the following: (1) instituting tighter eligibility requirements for guests; (2) disbursing guests by having two ceremonies on the same day in June, one in the morning for three or four Schools and one in the afternoon for the remaining Schools; (3) disbursing guests by having one ceremony in December (for all Schools) and then a second in June (for all Schools); and (4) disbursing guests throughout the campus by using video transmissions of the ceremony to various locations on campus.

The Committee to Review Commencement found that alternative (2) combined with some video transmission of the ceremonies to other parts of the campus would do the most to minimize drain on university personnel (including faculty) and facilities, safety concerns, and the number of irate guests at the ceremonies.

The Student Affairs Committee agrees unanimously with this recommendation and finds the following in order:

WHEREAS, The current practice of holding one commencement ceremony for all Schools has led to irritation of guests and to concerns about safety at the ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Of the available alternatives, the one suggested by the Committee to Review Commencement seems to be the most efficient means of solving the problems of the current practice; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate endorses the recommendation of the Committee to Review Commencement that, beginning in June of 1985, one in the morning for three or four Schools and one in the afternoon for the remaining Schools, and that, where feasible, video transmission of the ceremony be made to various points on campus.