WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Cal Poly is committed to the principles of shared governance and the primacy of the faculty in determining curriculum in the CSU; and

WHEREAS, The CSU Board of Trustee’s Collegiality Statement affirms, in part, “Collegial governance assigns primary responsibility to the faculty for the educational functions of the institution in accordance with basic policy as determined by the Board of Trustees. This includes admission and degree requirements, the curriculum and methods of teaching....”; and

WHEREAS, Individual autonomy among CSU campuses for faculty decision-making within a department/discipline has been widely upheld; and

WHEREAS, Many disciplines are governed by external accrediting agencies that mandate curricular components and limit freedom of faculty to deviate from prescribed outcomes such that an additional curtailment to 180 quarter units is unrealistic and not in the best interests of students; and

WHEREAS, There is little to no evidence that the selection of 180 quarter units’ proposed benefits i.e., shortened time to graduation, outweighs the known benefits our students experience from our curricular programs, including programs with unit counts over 180 (e.g. the 2012-2013 graduating class had an 87% placement rate); and

WHEREAS, Many disciplines have been and continue to be increasingly more intellectually dense, more profoundly inclusive to new content and more specialty focused; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cal Poly Academic Senate communicate to the ASCSU its support of efforts to re-establish appropriate unit designations, up to 198 quarter units, for other disciplines in addition to engineering; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the ASCSU Chair, President Jeffrey Armstrong, and CSU Campus Senate Chairs.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: April 16, 2014
Revised: May 30, 2014
Revised: June 3, 2014
To: Gary Laver  
   Chair, Academic Senate  

From: Jeffrey D. Armstrong  
   President  

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-786-14  
   Resolution Supporting the ASCSU Efforts to Reconsider the 120/180 Unit Limits for Other Disciplines in Addition to Engineering  

Date: August 18, 2014  

Copies: K. Enz Finken  
        M. Pedersen  

This memo formally acknowledges receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.