

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

- 1 WHEREAS, Cal Poly has had a long history of compassionate interaction with families and friends of
2 students who died while enrolled at the University; and;
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- 4 WHEREAS, This compassionate interaction is in the best interest of the families and the University;
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- 7 WHEREAS, The awarding of a posthumous degree has frequently brought closure to a tragic situation
8 for the family and friends of the deceased student as well as the University; and
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- 10 WHEREAS, There has in recent years been a need for a uniform University policy concerning awarding
11 posthumous degrees; therefore be it
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- 13 RESOLVED: That the family or other interested parties of the deceased student may initiate a request for
14 posthumous degree through the student's department; and be it further
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- 16 RESOLVED: That the majority of faculty in the department of the student's major may recommend to
17 the President the award of a posthumous degree to the family of a deceased student when
18 that student has satisfactorily completed at least two-thirds (2/3) of all coursework towards
19 a degree; and be it further
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- 21 RESOLVED: That under special or unusual circumstances the President or designee may grant the
22 awarding of a posthumous degree or certificate for a student who has completed less than
23 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

ACADEMIC SENATE

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
Resolution on Proposal to Establish a Campuswide Policy on Posthumous Degrees**

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.