

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

AS-702-10

**RESOLUTION ON
GRADE FORGIVENESS**

- 1 WHEREAS, AS-645-06 *Resolution on Grade Forgiveness* established that students may repeat
2 courses for grade forgiveness only in courses that a grade of D+, D, D-, F or WU
3 was received; and
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- 5 WHEREAS, CSU Executive Order 1037 included a policy on *Course Repeats and Grade*
6 *Forgiveness* that allows students to repeat an individual course for grade
7 forgiveness, if they earned grades “lower than a C;” and
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- 9 WHEREAS, CSU Executive Order 1037 does not allow individual campuses to be more
10 restrictive on ‘forgivable’ grades; and therefore be it
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- 12 RESOLVED: That AS-645-06 be repealed; and be it further
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- 14 RESOLVED: That undergraduate students be permitted to repeat up to 16 units for grade
15 forgiveness in courses that they earned grades lower than a C, which is limited to a
16 grade of C-, D+, D, D-, F, or WU; and be it further
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- 18 RESOLVED: That courses for which the original grade was a result of academic dishonesty are
19 not eligible for grade forgiveness; and be it further
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- 21 RESOLVED: That any course within the above parameters is eligible for grade forgiveness one
22 time only; and be it further
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- 24 RESOLVED: That these changes be implemented beginning Winter 2010 retroactive to grades
25 received Fall 2009.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Instruction Committee
Date: November 2 2009
Revised: February 2 2010

Background Materials

- **CSU Executive Order 1037**

E.O. 1037 includes a policy of repetition of courses with the following requirements:

B. Repetition of Courses

1. Undergraduate students may repeat courses only if they earned grades lower than a C.

2. Course Repeats with "Grade Forgiveness" (Grade forgiveness is the circumstance in which the new grade replaces the former grade in terms of the calculation of GPA, etc.):

2.a. Undergraduate students may repeat up to 16 semester-units (24 quarter-units) with grade forgiveness.

2.b. Undergraduate students may repeat an individual course for grade forgiveness no more than two times.

2.c. Grade forgiveness shall not be applicable to courses for which the original grade was the result of a finding of academic dishonesty.

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4. Campuses may elect to be more restrictive on course repeats than the maxima listed above.

The full text of E.O. 1037 can be found at <http://www.calstate.edu/EO/EO-1037.html>

- **AS-645-06 Resolution on Grade Forgiveness**

AS645-06 allows students to repeat "up to 16 units for grade forgiveness in courses that a grade of D+, D, D-, F or WU was received. The grade C- is not included in our current grade forgiveness policy. Our interpretation of the E.O. 1037 is that it allows individual campuses to be more restrictive on the number of credit units allowed and how many times a student can repeat a specific course, but not on which grades can/cannot be forgiven.

The full text of AS645-06 can be found at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/Resolutions/2005-2006/AS-645-06.pdf>

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ACADEMIC SENATE

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Chair, Academic Senate

Date: February 25, 2010

From: 
Warren J. Baker
President

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-702-10
Resolution on Grade Forgiveness

This is to formally acknowledge receipt and approval of the above-entitled Academic Senate Resolution.

Please express my appreciation to the Academic Senate Instruction Committee members for their work on this topic.