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**ACADEMIC SENATE
Of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-786-14

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ASCSU EFFORTS TO RECONSIDER THE 120/180
UNIT LIMITS FOR OTHER DISCIPLINES IN ADDITION TO ENGINEERING**

- 1 WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Cal Poly is committed to the principles of shared
2 governance and the primacy of the faculty in determining curriculum in the
3 CSU; and
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- 5 WHEREAS, The CSU Board of Trustee's Collegiality Statement affirms, in part, "Collegial
6 governance assigns primary responsibility to the faculty for the educational
7 functions of the institution in accordance with basic policy as determined by
8 the Board of Trustees. This includes admission and degree requirements,
9 the curriculum and methods of teaching...."; and
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- 11 WHEREAS, Individual autonomy among CSU campuses for faculty decision-making
12 within a department/discipline has been widely upheld; and
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- 14 WHEREAS, Many disciplines are governed by external accrediting agencies that
15 mandate curricular components and limit freedom of faculty to deviate from
16 prescribed outcomes such that an additional curtailment to 180 quarter
17 units is unrealistic and not in the best interests of students; and
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- 19 WHEREAS, There is little to no evidence that the selection of 180 quarter units'
20 proposed benefits i.e., shortened time to graduation, outweighs the known
21 benefits our students experience from our curricular programs, including
22 programs with unit counts over 180 (e.g. the 2012-2013 graduating class
23 had an 87% placement rate); and
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- 25 WHEREAS, Many disciplines have been and continue to be increasingly more
26 intellectually dense, more profoundly inclusive to new content and more
27 specialty focused; therefore be it
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- 29 RESOLVED: That the Cal Poly Academic Senate communicate to the ASCSU its support
30 of efforts to re-establish appropriate unit designations, up to 198 quarter
31 units, for other disciplines in addition to engineering; and be it further
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- 33 RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the ASCSU Chair, President
34 Jeffrey Armstrong, and CSU Campus Senate Chairs.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee

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Memorandum

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Date: August 18, 2014

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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

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