WHEREAS, the Chancellor’s Office, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, issued a communication in Spring of 2020 regarding possible considerations and options regarding Credit/No Credit grading that could be implemented without violating Title 5 requirements or Cal State University Executive Orders, and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly, following the recommendation of the Academic Senate Executive Committee, suspended the 16-unit limit for Credit / No Credit grading as well as the 4-unit limit for General Education Courses in Spring and Summer Quarters 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Cal Poly Academic Senate passed AS-902-20 and AS-906-20, extending the same policy into Fall 2020 through Spring 2021 respectively, and

WHEREAS, colleges, in consultation with academic departments, determined which major and support courses would be exempt from the Credit / No Credit unit limits, and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly’s administration has signaled that most courses will be offered virtually in the Summer of 2021 due to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, faculty and students will likely be in a virtual course environment because of state and local health guidelines and thereby separated from their typical campus settings for learning; therefore, be it
RESOLVED: courses taken in the Summer of 2021 will not count toward the 16-unit limit as specified in “Resolution on Credit / No Credit Grading” (AS 479-97), and be it further.

RESOLVED: that the 4-unit Credit/No Credit limit for General Education courses be suspended through the Summer of 2021, and be it further.

RESOLVED: that any changes to the 4-unit Credit/No Credit limit regarding major or support courses for the Summer of 2021 shall continue to be determined by the individual academic programs, and be it further.

RESOLVED: through Summer 2021 Cal Poly allow students to change their grading basis to Credit/No Credit until the last day of instruction, and be it further.

RESOLVED: the Executive Committee may re-evaluate this policy in the Summer of 2021, based on the status of the pandemic going into Fall 2021, to determine if it is appropriate to extend it further into AY 2021-2022.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: April 20, 2021
MEMORANDUM

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By way of this memo, I acknowledge and support the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.