

Adopted: November 8, 2022

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

**AS-950-22**

**RESOLUTION ON SENIOR PROJECTS and SEMESTERS**

**Impact on Existing Policy: Updates unit count and number of terms from AS-860-19<sup>i</sup>**

- 1 WHEREAS, The Chancellor’s Office has mandated that Cal Poly convert to semesters  
2 by fall of 2026; and  
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- 4 WHEREAS, Conversion to semesters requires that all academic policies be reviewed  
5 and revised as appropriate; and  
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- 7 WHEREAS, Cal Poly’s current policy on senior projects states, among other things,  
8 that senior projects will:  
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- 10 Include a minimum count of 3 units, or 90 hours of work, with no
  - 11 maximum;
  - 12 Take no more than three quarters to complete;
  - 13 and
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- 15 WHEREAS, The minimum count of 2 semester units is the equivalent of 3 quarter  
16 units; and  
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- 18 WHEREAS, An academic year is routinely divided into either three quarters or two  
19 semesters; therefore be it  
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- 21 RESOLVED: That the senior project requirement in degree programs being  
22 converted for the semester catalog will:  
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- 24 Include a minimum count of 2 (semester) units, or 90 hours of
  - 25 work, with no maximum;
  - 26 Take no more than two semesters to complete
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- 28 and be it further  
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30 RESOLVED: No other aspects of the current senior project policy are impacted or  
31 changed as a result of this resolution.

Proposed by: Academic Senate  
Curriculum Committee  
Date: October 11, 2022

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**<sup>i</sup> (1) Describe how this resolution impacts existing policy on educational matters that affect the faculty. Examples include curricula, academic personnel policies, and academic standards.  
(2) Indicate if this resolution supersedes or rescinds current resolutions.  
(3) If there is no impact on existing policy, please indicate NONE.**



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Thomas Gutierrez  
Chair, Academic Senate

**Date:** November 21, 2022

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President

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**Subject:** Response to AS-950-22 Resolution on Senior Projects and Semesters

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By way of this memo, I approve the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution. Please extend my appreciation to the Academic Senate for attending to the efficient and effective revision of academic policies relating to semester conversion. This revision will ensure that faculty have clear guidance regarding the minimum unit count for senior projects and the time students should take to complete their senior projects.