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CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

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RESOLUTION REGARDING USE OF CR/NC GRADING FOR  
POST-BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

Background Rationale: The 1975-77 Cal Poly Catalog states, "No courses taken on a Credit-No Credit grading basis may be used to satisfy graduate program requirements" (p.51). On the other hand, CAM (457 C.3.c.) states internships, whether graduate or undergraduate, shall be graded on a credit-no credit basis.

A proposal has been made that CAM be changed so as to be in agreement with the Cal Poly Catalog. The Instruction Committee was asked to study the proposal and made a recommendation to the Academic Senate. Five school deans support the proposal, one is opposed and one did not respond to a questionnaire.

Comments regarding the proposal:

1. The catalog statement and the first citation above from CAM seem to suggest that the use of credit-no credit grading should be restricted to undergraduate students.
2. Even with undergraduate students, the credit-no credit system may not be used with "M" courses and hence its inappropriate use in a degree program or credential program, which would be analogous.
3. Departments need to keep close supervision of all intern programs and a letter grade is more specific than a credit-no credit grade. Departments evaluating conditionally classified students need a more precise evaluation of a student's ability than simply a CR/NC mark.

RESOLVED: That CAM be changed to be in agreement with the 1975-77 Cal Poly Catalog and that administration supply the appropriate wording for CAM.

APPROVED

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