

Adopted May 27, 1986

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California**

AS-214-86/CC

RESOLUTION ON FREE ELECTIVES

- WHEREAS, Students are required to take a broad spectrum of courses by the General Education & Breadth requirements; and
- WHEREAS, The units for General Education & Breadth requirements have been increased in recent years; and
- WHEREAS, California Polytechnic State University's hands-on, learn-by-doing philosophy may require many more design and project units than other schools; and
- WHEREAS, This has made it difficult if not impossible for a number of disciplines to maintain their traditional quality of program within a four-year degree; and
- WHEREAS, The spirit of collegiality vests curricular formulation responsibility within the faculty; and
- WHEREAS, The faculty, department heads/chairs, and school deans thoroughly review the curricula for which they are responsible; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the curricula of majors at California Polytechnic State University need not include any free electives.

Proposed By:
Curriculum Committee
May 6, 1986

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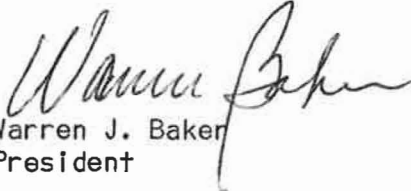
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To : Lloyd Lamouria, Chair
Academic Senate

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Date : 1 August 1986

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From : Warren J. Baker
President

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School Deans

Subject : Academic Senate Resolution AS-214-86/CC (Free Electives)

I recognize the concern raised by the Academic Senate and the difficulty of the free elective issue for some programs. However, as I indicated last October,* I feel strongly that we must, whenever possible, avoid an inflexible curriculum which prevents students from freely electing some courses to meet their individual needs and interests.

I am, therefore, withholding approval of the resolution on free electives as it is currently written and asking the Academic Senate to reconsider the issue, perhaps with a process and guidelines for exceptions to a policy that recognizes the need for some free electives in most if not all of our curricula.

*"Cal Poly and California in the Next Decade," Presidential Address, October 10, 1985, p. 8.

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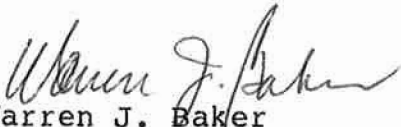
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Date March 30, 1987

Academic Senate

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From : 
Warren J. Baker
President

Subject : ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION ON FREE ELECTIVES (AS-214-85/CC)

You forwarded to me on January 21 the action of the Academic Senate on a revised resolution relative to Free Electives. This revised resolution came about as a result of my request for reconsideration by the Curriculum Committee and the Academic Senate last August. The Vice President for Academic Affairs has had an opportunity to review the recommendation with the school deans as well as other members of the Academic Affairs staff. Based upon that review and my own consideration of the issue, I am hereby approving the resolution on Free Electives as revised by the Academic Senate (AS-214-85/CC).

The thrust of the resolution and its contents are effective immediately although the actual changes in CAM to reflect the revised policy will not occur until the 400 section of CAM is next revised.