

Adopted: May 26, 1992

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

**AS-389-92/IC  
RESOLUTION ON  
TIME FRAME TO OBTAIN DEGREE**

- WHEREAS, Title 5, section 40101, California Administrative Code authorizes individual campuses to "...prescribe that particular (degree) requirements be met within as few as seven years of the date of award of the degree."; and
- WHEREAS, Continuity, competence, coherence, and currency of course work is necessary to ensure a student's understanding of the degree materials; and
- WHEREAS, Many students attending Cal Poly presently require seven or more years of diligent effort to complete their degree requirements, and therefore a longer period of time than seven years should be permitted; and
- WHEREAS, This university has no stated policy regarding the length of time a student may take to obtain a degree; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That beginning with Fall 1992, all baccalaureate degree requirements at this university will be completed within the ten (10) year period preceding award of the degree; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That this ten-year time frame apply to all newly admitted students and former students returning; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That all major and support courses required for the baccalaureate degree must be completed within the aforementioned ten-year period immediately preceding award of the degree; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That courses completed prior to this ten-year period may be revalidated by a demonstration of competence or knowledge of the subject as may be prescribed by the department offering the course; and that students with unusual problems may file a Petition for Special Consideration.

Proposed by the Academic Senate  
Instruction Committee  
Date: April 21, 1992

**State of California**  
**MEMORANDUM**

To: Jack Wilson, Chair  
Academic Senate

Date: August 5, 1992

File No.:

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President

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Subject: ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTIONS:  
(AS-388-92/CC~Resolution on Curriculum)  
(AS-389-92/IC-Resolutlon on Time Frame to Obtain Degree)  
(AS-390-92/IC~Resolution on Repeating Courses for Credit)  
(AS-391-92/Math-Resolution on Reduction of Funding for Intercollegiate  
Athletics)

The above first three resolutions (AS-388-390) are hereby approved and forwarded to the Academic Programs Office for implementation.

The Resolution on Reduction of Funding for Intercollegiate Athletics has been taken under advisement and has been shared with the Athletics Governing Board in its deliberations. The author of the Resolution is a voting member of the Athletics Governing Board. I appreciate the input from the Academic Senate on this subject.