

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

**AS-408-93/R&SC
RESOLUTION ON
PRIORITY REGISTRATION**

Background Statement: The current registration system recognizes the following priorities (using fall quarter enrollment data):

Note: The only segment affected by this resolution is the "graduating senior" classification in Group II* All other groups will remain the same

<u>Group I:</u>	
Disabled Students (mandated by law)	500
Athletes during their quarters of competition/ other priority students/ET and HE students (campus policy)	350
New Students (fall quarter is very high relative to other Quarters)	<u>3,100</u>
subtotal	3,950
 <u>Group II:</u>	
Graduate Students	1,200
Graduating Senior	<u>2,800</u>
Subtotal	4,000
total registered prior to alphabet rotation	<u>7,950</u>
 <u>Group III:</u>	
alphabetic rotation of continuing students/former students	7,750
GRAND TOTAL	15,700

Current campus policy, as stated in the Schedule of Classes, states that **"all students are entitles to TWO terms of priority registration before they graduate."** However, once a student qualifies, senior priority is maintained until graduation.

Due to the variability in the way different departments manage senior project, inequities exist across campus in the number of priority quarters available to students. In some programs, students may only qualify for one quarter, whereas six to seven quarters are common in other programs. The **equity** designed into the alphabetic rotation is compromised when nearly a thin of all seats in classes have been committed prior to the start of Group III registration.

Maintaining accurate records of "trigger courses" when curricula change every two years is a cumbersome task for Records personnel. In addition. Records must process a volume of special requests from department heads regarding individual cases. Simplification and automation of the priority system would increase the efficiency of this department. Current technology already in place allows for students to choose to implement priority

registration for a particular quarter via CAPTURE. No other administrative processing would be necessary. Campus registration policy is moving toward student responsibility for enrollment. Allowing students to choose their priority quarters is consistent with this trend. Student representatives to the Registration and Scheduling Committee have expressed their support.

In response to these factors, the Academic Senate Instruction Committee and the University Registration and Scheduling Committee respectfully submit the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Current published policy states that "all students are entitled to TWO terms of priority registration before they graduate;" and

WHEREAS, Students are known to have used "senior priority" for as many as seven quarters; and

WHEREAS, One-quarter to one-third of all resources are committed prior to the opening of the alphabetic rotation during registration; and

WHEREAS, Procedures for qualifying students for "senior priority" are variable and inequitable across campus; and

WHEREAS, Procedures for accurately qualifying students for senior priority are cumbersome to administer; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the current practice of awarding senior priority to students with 135 units plus enrollment in a trigger course be discontinued; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the new order of registration be as follows:

Group I:

Disabled Students

Athletes during their quarters of competition/other priority

students/Engineering Technology and Home Economics students

New Students

Group II:

Graduate Students

Undergraduate students choosing a priority quarter

Group III:

Alphabetic rotation of continuing/former students

and, be it further

RESOLVED: That all students in the new Group III shall be eligible for a total of three and only three priority quarters, to be chosen by the student after having completed three quarters in residence; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the administration shall be directed to implement this resolution no earlier than Winter Quarter 1994.

Submitted by the Registration and Scheduling
Committee and Academic Senate Instruction
Committee
April 15, 1993

**State of California
Memorandum**

From: Jack Wilson, Chair
Academic Senate

Date: October 29, 1993

To: Warren J. Baker
President

File No.:

Copies: R. Koob

Subject: **Resolution on Priority Registration**

In response to your note of September 24 asking about my comments on the Senate's Resolution on Priority Registration, I would suggest you discuss this with Vice President Koob. My note to you expressed my frustration that we need to have registration priorities of any kind. In my view of an idealized University environment, the course offerings would match the course demands of the students. Perhaps you and Bob could work together on what the Senate role might be in moving us closer to this ideal.