

Adopted: May 15, 2001

ACADEMIC SENATE  
of  
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY  
San Luis Obispo, California

AS-566-01/IC

RESOLUTION ON  
COMMENCEMENT

- 1 WHEREAS, Cal Poly maintains high academic standards and integrity; and  
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3 WHEREAS, Commencement is a ceremony for the conferring of a degree marking the completion of  
4 all academic requirements (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary); therefore, be it  
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6 RESOLVED: That students shall be made aware that participation by students who are not scheduled  
7 to complete all degree requirements is contradictory to the spirit of academic integrity  
8 and of the commencement ceremony; and be it further  
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10 RESOLVED: That it shall be the policy of Cal Poly that for a student to participate in graduation  
11 ceremonies, the student must satisfy at least one of the following:  
12 1. The student shall have completed all degree requirements and not have participated  
13 in a graduation ceremony previously.  
14 2. The student shall currently be enrolled in classes that would complete all of that  
15 student's degree requirements.  
16 3. The student shall be registered for classes for the following term that would allow  
17 the student to complete all of his/her degree requirements;  
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19 and be it further  
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21 RESOLVED: That Cal Poly's administration, in consultation with the Academic Senate, develop a  
22 timeline to support and implement this resolution.

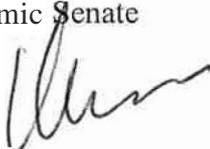
Proposed by: Academic Senate Instruction Committee  
Date: February 5, 2001  
Revision: May 15, 2001

State of California  
**Memorandum**

To: UnnyMenon  
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: September 21, 2001

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President



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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-566-01/IC  
Resolution on Commencement

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I hereby acknowledge receipt of the above-referenced Academic Senate Resolution.

The concerns expressed in this Resolution are well understood and appreciated. Although the administration agrees with the spirit and intent of the Resolution, in the face of severely limited resources, the timeline to implement the Resolution is uncertain. Insuring that students meet the Senate's criteria would severely impact the workload of the Academic Records Office at the present time. However, the Senate's advice and consultation will certainly be taken into consideration in the future, and we will reconsider the Resolution when the new degree audit system is in place.

Please extend my thanks and appreciation to the Instruction Committee for its interest in bringing this matter to our attention.