WHEREAS, The Chancellor’s Office has mandated that Cal Poly convert to semesters by fall of 2026; and

WHEREAS, Conversion to semesters requires that all academic policies be reviewed and revised as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly’s current policy on senior projects states, among other things, that senior projects will:

- Include a minimum count of 3 units, or 90 hours of work, with no maximum;
- Take no more than three quarters to complete;

and

WHEREAS, The minimum count of 2 semester units is the equivalent of 3 quarter units; and

WHEREAS, An academic year is routinely divided into either three quarters or two semesters; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the senior project requirement in degree programs being converted for the semester catalog will:

- Include a minimum count of 2 (semester) units, or 90 hours of work, with no maximum;
- Take no more than two semesters to complete

and be it further
RESOLVED: No other aspects of the current senior project policy are impacted or
changed as a result of this resolution.

Proposed by: Academic Senate
Curriculum Committee
Date: October 11, 2022

i (1) Describe how this resolution impacts existing policy on educational matters that affect the
faculty. Examples include curricula, academic personnel policies, and academic standards.
(2) Indicate if this resolution supersedes or rescinds current resolutions.
(3) If there is no impact on existing policy, please indicate NONE.
MEMORANDUM

To: Thomas Gutierrez  
Chair, Academic Senate

From: Jeffrey D. Armstrong  
President

Date: November 21, 2022

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Subject: Response to AS-950-22 Resolution on Senior Projects and Semesters

By way of this memo, I approve the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution. Please extend my appreciation to the Academic Senate for attending to the efficient and effective revision of academic policies relating to semester conversion. This revision will ensure that faculty have clear guidance regarding the minimum unit count for senior projects and the time students should take to complete their senior projects.