

Adopted: April 16, 2024

**ACADEMIC SENATE
Of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA**

AS-970-24

**RESOLUTION ON SUSPENDING CURRICULAR REVIEW OF ONLINE MODALITIES FOR
SUMMER TERMS, 2024-2026**

Impact on Existing Policy: Temporarily suspends a portion of AS-896-20

- 1 WHEREAS, The Chancellor’s Office has mandated that Cal Poly convert to semesters
2 by fall of 2026; and
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- 4 WHEREAS, Students are often away from campus during the summer term and thus
5 have limited access to regular in-person offerings; and
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- 7 WHEREAS: The ability to offer summer courses in a virtual modality during a term
8 when students are typically away from campus will provide programs
9 with a greater ability to plan for courses that may become roadblocks for
10 students transitioning to the semester Catalog; and
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- 12 WHEREAS, AS-896-20 requires, “any change in the modality...of an existing course
13 from the modality or modalities listed in the original course proposal
14 shall require a course modification;” and
- 15 WHEREAS, The curriculum review process required for the quarter to semester
16 conversion precludes the timely consideration of course modifications
17 required by AS-896-20 prior to the conversion; and
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- 19 WHEREAS, The Academic Senate in AS-895-20 previously suspended the
20 requirement for review and authorization to offer a class in a virtual
21 modality under extraordinary circumstances during the COVID
22 emergency; therefore be it
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- 24 RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate suspend the requirement of review at the
25 Senate-committee level of course modifications for faculty who wish to

26 teach courses in a previously-unreviewed modality in the summer terms
27 from Summer 2024 through Summer 2026; and be it further

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29 RESOLVED: That this resolution does not supersede the right of departments and
30 colleges to maintain control over the timing and modality of course
31 offerings; and be it further

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33 RESOLVED: That previously-unreviewed modalities will still be reviewed at the
34 department and college levels according to current policies prior to being
35 offered; and be it further

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37 RESOLVED: That any previously-unreviewed modality in a course offered pursuant to
38 this resolution during a summer term from Summer 2024 through
39 Summer 2026 will need to be approved through the regular curricular
40 review process before being offered again after the Summer 2026 term.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Curriculum Committee
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