

Adopted: November 28, 1995

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

**AS-449-95/IC  
RESOLUTION ON  
"U" GRADES**

WHEREAS, Executive Order 268 specifies that "The symbol 'W' indicates that the student was permitted to drop the course after the (day/week) of instruction with the approval of the instructor and appropriate campus officials. It carries no connotation of quality of student performance and is not used in calculating grade point average or progress points"; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 268 specifies that the grade of "U" is used "when, in the opinion of the instructor, completed assignments or course activities or both were insufficient to make normal evaluation of academic performance possible. For purposes of grade point average and progress point computation this symbol is equivalent to an "F"; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that registration is a student responsibility, and that students enrolling but failing to attend class are potentially preventing other students from utilizing campus resources; and

WHEREAS, In some cases, the "U" grade may represent an unduly harsh performance grade consequence for a procedural error; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That students may request a grade change from "U" to "W"; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That students may receive only one such grade change from "U" to "W" during their academic career at Cal Poly; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That such student-initiated grade changes will be governed by the policy set out in AS-384-92 (Resolution on Change of Grade) adopted April 14, 1992.

Proposed by the Academic Senate  
Instruction Committee  
May 11, 1995

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Memorandum

To: Tom Zuur  
Registrar and Director of Academic Records

Date: January 2, 1996

From: Paul J. Zingg   
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Subject: **Academic Senate Resolution on "U" Grades**

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Enclosed is a copy of the recent Academic Senate Resoltuion (AS-449-95/IC) on "U" grades. By copy of this memorandum, I am requesting that this new policy be implemented immediately. Please insure that there is adequate publicity on this revised policy in order that both students and faculty are aware of this change.