

Adopted: March 12, 2002

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

AS-582-02/IC

**RESOLUTION ON
PROCESS FOR CHANGE OF MAJOR**

- WHEREAS, Cal Poly requires students to declare their major upon entrance; and
- WHEREAS, Some departments/programs expect students to make progress towards their stated degree while attempting to change into their desired major; and
- WHEREAS, Some change of major processes are unwieldy; and
- WHEREAS, Some students may not gain acceptance into their desired major within a reasonable time period; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate adopt the attached *Process for Change of Major* document.

Proposed by: Academic Senate
Instruction Committee
Date: December 7, 2001
Revised: February 21 &
March 12, 2002

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ACADEMIC SENATE

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To: Unny Menon
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: May 24, 2002

From: 
Warren J. Baker
President

Copies: P. Zingg, D. Conn,
Deans

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-582-02/IC
Resolution on Process for Change of Major

I acknowledge receipt of Academic Senate Resolution AS-582-02/IC which I am pleased to approve.

As you know, once they have entered Cal Poly, even high-performing students have long complained of difficulties associated with their efforts to change majors. In some cases, they have faced the dilemma of having insufficient time to meet the requirements set by their target major before being disqualified for failing to make satisfactory progress in their existing major.

Unfortunately, there is no simple solution to the students' problems. We cannot, for example, create sufficient extra spaces to meet the demand in all majors that are heavily impacted. I appreciate the effort that went into devising the procedures included with the Resolution, which are intended to improve the manner in which we prepare and select students for admission into the available spaces. Please convey my thanks to the Academic Senate Instruction Committee, from which the Resolution emerged.

I trust that we that we can begin implementation no later than the beginning of the new academic year.