

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 to
7 complete all degree requirements is contradictory to the spirit of academic integrity and of
8 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 in
13 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 the
17 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
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