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

AS-609-04/CC

**RESOLUTION ON
FREE ELECTIVES**

- 1 WHEREAS, Current campus policy per Academic Senate Resolution AS-234-87/CC and CAM
2 section 411.1 require each program at Cal Poly to include 9 units of free electives,
3 or supply justification why they cannot as part of their curriculum proposals each
4 cycle; and
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- 6 WHEREAS, The CSU Board of Trustees have reduced the minimum number of units for a
7 Bachelor's degree to 180 quarter units with the expectation that programs will
8 assume that level unless there is significant justification for a higher number of
9 units; and
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- 11 WHEREAS, Current CSU policy favors graduating students in a timely manner, which means
12 within four years for a four-year degree; and
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- 14 WHEREAS, Previous Academic Senate resolutions have encouraged departments to make
15 their curricula more flexible; therefore, be it
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- 17 RESOLVED: That programs proposing to reduce the number of required free electives below 8
18 units be required to provide justification.
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