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At its meeting of March 19, 2001, the Academic Senate passed the following policy recommendation presented by Jonathan Roth for the Curriculum and Assessment Committee.

**POLICY RECOMMENDATION
120 UNIT REQUIREMENT FOR THE BACCALAUREATE**

Whereas: the California State University (CSU Trustee Resolution, November, 2000) has reduced the minimum number of units for the baccalaureate degree from 124 semester units to 120, and

Whereas: the Office of the Chancellor of the CSU is encouraging campuses to reduce the number of required units in baccalaureate degree programs, and

Whereas: the Office of the Chancellor of the CSU has requested that, at the time of the mandated five year program review, programs justify units above 120 by criteria developed on the individual campuses, therefore be it

Resolved: that effective Fall 2001, justification for programs to continue to require more than 120 units shall include, at the time of the next regularly scheduled program review, documentation

- a. a. of accreditation requirements, or
- b. b. of specified needs from employers or graduate or professional schools, or
- c. c. of other compelling needs

that precludes reduction in the semester unit value of the program to 120 units, and be it further

Resolved: that evaluation of justification shall be conducted by the Undergraduate Studies Committee, with final action on behalf of the Senate to be taken in accord with standard campus curricular practices by the Curriculum & Research Committee.

ACTION BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved by President Robert Caret on April 12, 2001.