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Resolution on the 120-Unit Baccalaureate Degree

RF00-172

At its meeting of October 10, 2000, the Academic Senate unanimously approved the following resolution on the 120-unit baccalaureate degree:

RESOLVED that the current number of units required for award of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree be changed from a minimum of 124 semester units to a minimum of 120 semester units, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the current number of units required for award of the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree be changed from a minimum of 124-132 semester units to a minimum of 120-132 semester units depending on the specific requirements of the individual B.S. degree programs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the current number of units required to be completed by a student outside a single discipline be changed from a minimum of 64 semester units to a minimum of 60 semester units, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these changes in minimum unit requirements take effect in the fall 2000 semester, for graduation in January 2001 and later, upon approval by the Senate and President of San Francisco State University and that the University Bulletin and all student advising information reflect such changes.

RATIONALE: The Board of Trustees of the California State University has authorized changes to Title 5 which will permit a change in system policy, effective 2000-2001, to allow students to graduate from the CSU with a minimum of 120 units. It is up to the faculty on each campus to determine how, and whether, reductions will occur to meet the new minimum requirements, but students who have met all other requirements for graduation and who have accumulated at least 120 units should not be barred from graduating. In his memorandum to the campus of September 27, 2000, the Provost also has stipulated that such students be permitted to graduate and, to allow students to apply for graduation in January 2001 or later, has extended without penalty the deadline for filing applications to October 13, 2000. It should be noted that all other requirements for graduation not mentioned by this resolution remain in effect.