RESOLVED: that the Academic Senate recommends
that the California State University, Bakersfield graduation
requirement for a minor be changed to an optional element for
graduation;

RESOLVED: that Departments through their degree programs have the option to
require the minor and that when such is the case students must
complete the minor to graduate;

RESOLVED: that students may elect to complete a minor; and

RESOLVED: that the above change be implemented for fall semester 2016.

RATIONALE: Most degree programs in the School of Social Sciences and
Education and in the School of Arts & Humanities have now
requested to drop the minor requirement. The list of exceptions now
exceeds the number of programs requiring the minor creating
administrative bottlenecks in processing paperwork associated with
graduation. The AAC believes the above policy change will
continue to honor the need for minors in some situations but
eliminate the need to provide paperwork justification for exceptions.

Approved by the Academic Senate on May 19, 2016