

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE

Eliminating Requirement for Minors

RES 151613

AAC

- 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
Sent to the President for approval on May 24, 2016
Approved by the President on June 21, 2016