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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-003-223

Double Majoring Policy Update

Academic Programs Committee	**Date: 11/16/2022**
Executive Committee **Received and Forwarded**	**Date: 1/25/2023**
Academic Senate	**Date: 2/15/2023** **<u>First Reading</u>**

BACKGROUND:
The referral suggests two changes to the current double majoring policy and amends section 4.0 of policy 1444. It is recommended that the unit limit for double majoring above the primary major be increased from 32 units to 36 units. It is also recommended that double-counting between the primary and secondary majors (options) be limited. The limitation on double counting is based on the secondary degree. The referral provides the details and justification for these updates to the double majoring policy.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:
Deans, all colleges
Associate Deans, all colleges
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DISCUSSION:
The current policy for double majors (Policy 1444, section 4; AS-2422-123-AP) states that "students may declare one major in addition to their primary major if all academic programs can be completed within 32 semester units above the number of units required for their primary major." In accordance with California Code of Regulations Title 5 the secondary major (option) must be completed with unique coursework where double-counting with the primary major (option) is limited. If policy 1444 is not amended with the increased number of units, many students would not be able to double-major. During the campus-wide consultation, no objection was raised. It seems that the proposed change in the policy is appropriate and has the support of the university community.

RECOMMENDATION:
The Academic Programs Committee recommends updating Policy 1444 to increase double majoring units to 36 units above the primary major.