
Chancellor's General Education Advisory Committee

Tuesday, October 6th 2020

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Attendees: Mark Van Selst, Eniko Csomay, Kevin Baaske, David Barsky, Julie Glass, Gary Lever, Susan Schlievert, Stephen Stambough, Michelle Bean, Regina Eisenbach, Jenni Robinson, Zahree Khuraibet (CSSA - due to unavailability of Graciela Moran), Leonor Aguilera, Raul Arambula, Melissa Lavitt

Visitors: Robert Collins (ASCSU Chair), Karen Simpson-Alisca (CSUCO), Vice Chancellor Aisha N. Lowe (CCC)

The meeting began at 11:07 am

1. Introductions
2. Agenda was approved as posted
3. Approval of Sept minutes
 - a. Minor changes were suggested to September minutes
 - b. September and October minutes will both be submitted for approval at the November meeting
4. Chair's welcome and introductory comments
 - a. Introduction of new visitors
5. Ethnic Studies Discussion
 - a. Draft Executive Order (Update to GE Policy) was to be available Oct 1.
 - i. Update: Draft EO is not available until Thursday, October 8.
 - b. Timeline for submissions
 - c. Guiding notes content update processes
 - i. Discussions on Guiding notes postponed until November meeting pending release of GE policy updates.
 - d. Questions submitted by the community colleges and preliminary FAQs
 - i. See dropbox for the content
 - ii. Some questions address items from the CSU FAW on Ethnic Studies
 1. (<https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/diversity/advancement-of-ethnic-studies/Documents/FAQ-on-Ethnic-Studies.pdf>)
 - iii. Discussions on CC questions (collated from CIAC listserv and organized under themes) and FAQs dominated the rest of the meeting.

Questions/comments raised during discussion:

1. Discussion: Timeline of the courses to be approved and created.
2. Among other logical and internal inconsistencies in the FAQ, there is confusion about how prefixes have to be used and how these courses could be offered through departments. Some campuses have the prefixes already but some do not.

Prefix-related questions:

- a. Q: Could a campus create a new prefix for the Ethnic Studies Requirement that does not belong to a department? (yes).
 - b. Q: Why cross-list, is it the money? (FTEs typically go to the department who offers the ES course, and it is sometimes the cases that finances follow FTES, but course/dept/college financing is a campus prerogative).
 - c. Q: Can the prefix be other than Ethnic Studies? (pre CSU FAQ on Ethnic Studies, it must have the required prefix).
 - d. Q: Who is allowed to generate a new prefix and what is the approval process? (unclear / not addressed)
 - e. Q: Can a CCC create a prefix in 2 months? (unclear / not addressed)
3. Other questions:
 - a. Q: does area D still require courses from 2 separate Departments. (at present, yes; otherwise not addressed – may or may not be reflected in updates to GE policy [draft]).
 - b. Q: What is being done to protect the integrity of the requirement and how are those actions being shared? (albeit not directly addressed: the issue was highlighted as an important consideration)
 - c. Q: How can partial certification work with the ADTs? GE impact on ADTs and timeline is a concern. (ADTs require CSU GE, version control is an issue; unclear, needs to be addressed)
 - d. Q: Could there be a phasing out of the old CSU-GE Certification and IGETC Certification? (version control is an issue; it is a priority to address this beyond catalog rights esp. vis-à-vis ADTs, etc. which are required to include CSU GE (or IGETC/CSU version))
 - e. Q: IGETC for CSU.... (needs to be addressed)
 4. Other areas of discussion:
 - a. Approval process: Proposals go through GE but it is also to be an Ethnic studies course. Tension of no control of the area (law trumps that OR four alternatives for the four different groups that can approve courses? Needs to be explicitly addressed as a curricular issue)
 - b. Consultation: Some think that consultation stopped with the competencies but that is not true –meeting across ASCSU, ESC and CO to map out courses with continued collaboration.
 - i. Wording of the law requires consultation on what the competencies are – question of the continuation of the process into implementation

makes sense (but technically not required by law) – continued meetings are being held in part to work towards what implementation looks like.

- ii. There is a request from several sources including some formal correspondence from the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies to revisit competencies. ASCSU should examine a process for updating/reexamining these competencies.
- iii. CO has accepted the competencies/SLOs and will instantiate that via the forthcoming executive order/policy changes re: GE.

c. Catalog rights:

- i. Does AB1460 trump catalog rights? (evidently yes; the legal requirement for an ethnic studies experience would seem to trump prior catalog rights); more generally, does law trump established catalog rights?
- ii. Are there differential catalog rights for GE and for program requirements? (evidently yes); it is clear that catalog rights exist once a student comes to CSU – when they are admitted to the program is when the catalog rights begin and not before.
 - 1. CSU graduation requirement page spelling out catalog rights: [https://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/umg05200.htm#:~:text=%22Catalog%20rights%22%20is%20a%20term,a%20degree%2C%20certificate%2C%20etc.&text=In%20order%20to%20maintain%20their,attendance%20\(see%20definition%20below](https://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/umg05200.htm#:~:text=%22Catalog%20rights%22%20is%20a%20term,a%20degree%2C%20certificate%2C%20etc.&text=In%20order%20to%20maintain%20their,attendance%20(see%20definition%20below) and the key take-away sentence:

Although students may be required to meet updated major or minor requirements, general education and other non-major requirements may be secured through "catalog rights."

- iii. Q: How to know if “old” or “new”? What to be honored? A: Catalog copy will change GE requirements so that a “new” upper division out of state transfer for Fall 2021 who graduates Spring 2022 would presumably have to meet CSU GE (including F) if required by the wording of the Fall 2021 catalog. AAT and transfer are potentially problematic given legal constraints on unit limits and inclusion of an ethnic studies requirement into already existing potentially maximum unit curricular sequence.

d. Cross listing:

- i. Q: could there be a one-year waiver for CCC/CSU approvals re: cross list in the cases where the potential cross-list does not exist?

- ii. Q: How to maintain “no one owns” a GE area with the telegraphed new requirement for cross listing courses not offered by ethnic studies to meet area F (per CSU CO FAQ)? The requirement to cross list and the statements in the CSU CO FAQ seem to imply that there must be variation in who can approve cross listings (e.g., what to cross-list with? AFAM/NAS/...)
- 5. No new business was raised.
- 6. Meeting adjourned at 12:45.