
Chancellor's General Education Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020

11:00 am – 1:30 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 (substitute for Graciela Moran), Leonor Aguilera, Raul Arambula, Melissa Lavitt

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

The meeting began at 11:05 am

1. Introductions
2. Agenda was approved with addition of System Reports (new item 5)
3. Approval of Sept minutes
 - a. October minutes will be approved with the November minutes in January 2021
4. Chair's welcome and introductory comments
5. System reports
 - a. CCC System Office discussed competency based education and reported that the projected approval by the end of this month (GEAC will discuss credit by evaluation in January 2021)
 - b. CCC Academic Senate's plenary is this week. Ethnic Studies is on the agenda. Currently, there are two competing resolutions on how to direct the senate on ES system-wide requirements (CCC).
 - c. Articulation – questions were raised about Ethnic Studies Requirements and articulation for CSU & UC

Discussion:

- i. CSU GE Area F would be certified by area or as part of CSU GE certification
 - ii. "year" of certification will be needed (different GE patterns)
 - iii. IGETC updates will presumably be needed by the CSU to accommodate Ethnic Studies
 - iv. Since EO 1100 is open, can we fix other things there now? [note: we did produced non-ES recommendations]
- d. CSU Office of the Chancellor – many questions about implementation and impact of the Ethnic Studies requirement; there is a lot of work involved in putting

together materials to orient the new CSU Chancellor to the work of the Academic Affairs Division; Much time has been spent working on credit for prior learning in collaboration with the CCC system office.

- e. CSU Senate – inherent tension between laws AB1460 & SB1440 - competing laws have the potential to be problematic for high unit majors and those with very limited curricular flexibility; ASCSU has a continuing interest in transfer issues and actions facilitate transfer success.
6. Ethnic Studies Discussion
- a. Discussion on various aspects of the Ethnic Studies requirement led to GEAC’s recommendation as follows:

GEAC recognizes the profound importance of the Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement to our students and the effect this requirement will have in strengthening and supporting the Ethnic Studies departments/programs (in the four specified areas).

Re: Ethnic Studies

- 1) *Yes, on Lower Division GE as the ES requirement (Area F)*
 - a. *Include: Reinforce the idea that any lower division requirements can be met with upper division coursework (but the lower division option must exist at every CSU campus and be transferable as meeting the GE area)*
- 2) *Department/Prefix language to be removed (move to FAQ – the course has to be an Ethnic Studies course and has to meet the core competencies but the implementation should not be policy) – FAQ or Guiding Notes to include implementation. Implementation to strongly reinforce the disciplinary nature of the requirement.*

Re: Other Revisions in policy

- 1) *Reasonable accommodation language*
 - a. *Recommended inclusion: “Each campus is authorized to make reasonable adjustments in the number of units assigned to any of the six required distribution Areas (A through F, area F having a minimum of three units)”*
 - b. *Notes: LD GE remains at 39/40 units; minimum golden four remains minimum 12 units (3 per)*
- 2) *Recommend remove quarter unit equivalencies (leave as “or equivalent quarter units”) – there are concerns related to the 68 vs. 72 quarter units used as equivalent.*
- 3) *Catalog Rights – retain inclusion in policy since catalog rights (Title 5 section 40401) will be so central to implementation; expand on the implications in the associated FAQ.”*

Unanimously approved by GEAC.

- 7. No new business was raised.
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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