

Resolution in Support of Action to Address Impacts of the Changes to GE Area C3

Whereas the General Education Committee, General Education Task Force, Academic Senate and many concerned parties at CSU Fullerton worked in good faith to implement the changes to GE required by EO 1100rev; and

Whereas on multiple occasions these good faith efforts were subsequently vetoed by the Chancellor's Office in the form of new policy and significant alterations in the clarifications of EO 1100rev; and

Whereas such frequent changes circumvented the normal shared governance process for consideration of General Education policy which is designed to ensure that all affected parties have time to assess impacts and build consensus on solutions that require the coordinated response of multiple campus actors; and

Whereas the most recent and immediate directive from the Chancellor's Office, announced late in the spring 2018 semester, requires the elimination of our existing Area C3 which will have a significant and detrimental impact on one of our academic departments without the proper time to develop strategies to address such changes and impacts; and

Whereas the elimination of Area C3 without time to properly consider the fate of existing course offerings creates even more work for our General Education Committee that already tirelessly worked to recertify more than 20 courses to new categories to prevent those courses from being orphaned in the General Education package and is now working to handle the previous C3 courses in the same way ; and

Whereas at its April 19th, 2018 meeting, the Academic Senate received and endorsed the report of the General Education Task Force that called for the Senate to begin the process to consider clarifying our existing Overlay Z to focus more on themes of diversity related to "*power, privilege, oppression, equity, and empowerment*" while simultaneously considering a new Overlay X to focus on global citizenship; and

Whereas such a second Overlay could help students understand both of these distinct and important themes related to domestic diversity and global issues; Therefore, be it

Resolved that the Senate, its committees, and the campus administrative offices prioritize the certification into new GE categories of any courses directly impacted by the removal of existing GE categories as directed by EO 1100; and be it further

Resolved that the Senate will work through its normal process of shared governance to consider the General Education Task Force recommendation for consideration of a second GE overlay in Global Awareness during a Senate meeting in early spring semester of 2019 in order to give the process enough time for consideration, debate, and, if accepted, additional time for certification of classes into the category for the AY 2020/2021 catalog; and be it further

Resolved that this resolution be distributed to the Senate, the GE Committee, the GE Task Force, President Virjee, and Provost Knutson Miller.