

Resolution on CSUSB's General Education Area C Framework

Whereas: According to CSU Executive Order 1100-R—on “the CSU General Education Breadth Requirements” and issued August 23, 2017—CSU’s GE “Area C requires 12 semester units or 18 quarter units among the arts, literature, philosophy and foreign languages.” Of these, “at least one course” must come from the arts (C1: including art, cinema, music, and theater); “at least one course” from the humanities (C2: literature, philosophy, and foreign languages); and “three semester units” in upper division (Article 4); and

Whereas: EO 1100-R further states: "The faculty of an institution granting the baccalaureate degree have primary responsibility for maintaining the integrity of the degree program and determining when requirements have been met" (Article 5.1.b) and "Campus faculty have primary responsibility for developing and revising the institution's particular GE program" (Article 6.2.1); and

Whereas: Western Association of Schools and Colleges views “breadth for all students in cultural and aesthetic, social and political, and scientific and technical knowledge expected of educated persons” as one of its accreditation standards for undergraduate programs (Standard 2.2a); and

Whereas: The Faculty of CSUSB, fulfilling their responsibilities as stated above, have worked diligently to develop a semester-based GE C program (hereafter *Framework A*, Attachment 1) that complies with EO 1100-R as well as WASC requirements for breadth, specifying that three units come from the arts, three from literature, three from philosophy, and three from foreign languages. Three of the 12 units must be in upper division; and

Whereas: Several other CSU campuses have GE structures in Area C similar to that of CSUSB’s, specifying disciplines included in C2; and

Whereas: On March 23 and April 11, 2018, the CSU Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC), prompted by CSUSB administration, issued two memos to CSUSB, singling out the CSUSB GE C *Framework A* as being “out of compliance” with EO 1100-R;¹ and

¹ The CSU policy on GE C as expressed in EO 1100-R has existed since 1981. CSUSB’s *Framework A* is the same structure as existed since 1981. The compliance issue, however, was never raised until the CSUSB administration did in March 2018.

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Whereas: On April 17, 2018, the EVC issued a third memo, this time to all CSUs. Billed as a “policy clarification,” presumably of his March 23 and April 11 memos, this document no longer deems CSUSB’s GE C *Framework A* out of compliance; and

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Whereas: A system-wide policy regarding GE must be implemented at all CSUs. However, the CSU administration has yet to ascertain that the EVC’s March 23 and April 11 memos shall apply to all its campuses; therefore,

Be It Resolved That: If, by the time CSUSB implements its semester curriculum in Fall 2020, all CSUs will have implemented GE C structures similar to CSUSB’s *Framework B*, i.e., with no specification of disciplines under either C1 or C2, CSUSB shall implement *Framework B*; and

Be It Further Resolved That: If not, CSUSB shall implement its *Framework A*, a structure that has been created by the faculty via various working groups, approved by the University GE Committee, the Q2S Curriculum Development Subcommittee, the Q2S Steering Committee, and—finally—the Faculty Senate in 2017;² and

Be It Further Resolved That: The CSUSB Faculty Senate expresses displeasure at administration’s interference in curricular matters that are the primary responsibility of the faculty of the university per the tenets of shared governance and the language of EO 1100-R, causing confusion, consternation, and division among the faculty of the university, particularly in the College of Arts and Letters; and

Be It Further Resolved That: This resolution be transmitted to faculty senates of all CSU campuses, the Academic Senate of the CSU, Campus CFA Chapters, CSU Chancellor Timothy White and Executive Vice Chancellor Lauren Blanchard.

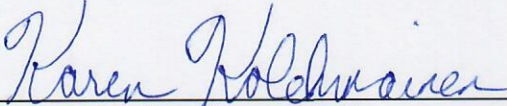
Attachment 1: CSUSB GE C Framework A (Link)

Attachment 2: CSUSB GE C Framework B (Link)

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APPROVED BY THE CSUSB FACULTY SENATE

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