COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM

Monday, May 20, 2013

TO: The Executive Committee
FROM: The General Education Subcommittee
VIA: The Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)
SUBJECT: 12-13 CIC 20: Policy for Renewal of General Education Classifications

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate approve the proposed policy; effective immediately.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
Courses used to be approved for general education (GE) credit for 5-year periods (see, for example, 04-05 CIC 21, 05-06 CIC 15, 06-07 CIC 3). However, the Senate seems to have no mechanism for renewing GE courses. Therefore, once a course is approved for GE credit, it is approved until the department asks for revocation or the course is removed from the Catalog. This makes policies such as 08-09 CIC 47 GE-Approved Course Syllabi Requirements and 02-03 CIC 12 difficult to enforce.

POLICY FOR RENEWAL OF GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The General Education Subcommittee shall be charged with renewing General Education designations in five-year intervals. All area C courses will be renewed or revoked in 2015-16, area B courses be renewed or revoked in 2016-17, area D courses will be renewed or revoked in 2017-18, area A courses will be renewed or revoked in 2018-19. All other areas will be renewed or revoked in 2019-20. (The reason for performing the renewals by area, rather than by date of first approval is two-fold: it allows the subcommittee to concentrate on a single set of learning outcomes and it avoids the bookkeeping complications of which courses are renewed when relative to their initial approvals.) Departments seeking renewals for their courses will complete the same forms as initial approvals, but will be able to provide previous years’ syllabi and evidence of student accomplishments. If a renewal request is not submitted for a particular GE course, revocation of GE certification is automatic. If a course is not renewed, its GE certification will not continue.

ACTION REQUESTED:
On May 20th, 2013, CIC members voted unanimously to accept the Policy for Renewal of General Education Classifications and recommends approval to the Academic Senate; the policy would be effective immediately.