TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: General Education Subcommittee
VIA: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)
SUBJECT: 16-17 CIC 86: Clarification of GE Area B5 transfer patterns under semesters
PURPOSE: Approval of the Academic Senate
ACTION REQUESTED: That the Senate approve the proposed policy below. Upon approval of the President, effective Fall, 2018.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
As noted in 16-17 CIC 69, CIC was asked to clarify certain rules regarding how continuing students’ GE requirements would be handled. One issue was the “elimination” of the B5 requirement as the campus moves to semesters. The CIC Chair referred this to the GE Subcommittee.

Under quarters, native students are required to complete a 4-unit Area B5 Science Elective, as part of their 16-unit minimum lower division Area B requirement. Under semesters, the Area B5 requirement is eliminated.

Per Executive Order 1100, students who complete a lower division area at one institution are considered to have completed that area after transfer. The Subcommittee has looked into the practice of other CSU campuses (including SJSU) and found that semester campuses consider lower division Area B as cleared when Areas B1-4 are complete, even if the B5 course was not completed. Thus, students transferring from quarter to semester campuses are not held to Area B5 but may still be held to the GE units requirement.

At its meeting on March 29, the General Education Subcommittee unanimously recommended passage of this policy.

PROPOSED POLICY:
Students who start under quarters but elect the GE graduation requirements from their graduation Catalog under semesters will be held to Areas B1-B4. (Per Title 5, students are held to one
graduation requirements Catalog and cannot opt to use the GE requirements for semesters yet use the overlay requirements for quarters.)

Students who use the GE graduation requirements under quarters but did not satisfy B5 under quarters may take a B1 or B2 course under semesters to fulfill the quarter-based B5 requirement.