TO: The Executive Committee and the Academic Senate  
FROM: The Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)  
SUBJECT: 17-18 CIC 17: 2018-19 General Education Catalog Rights for 2017-18 students  

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Senate approve the following updated policy regarding GE catalog rights, upon signature of the President; effective beginning Fall 2018.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:  
At its recent Semester Conversion Steering Committee (SCSC) meeting on October 6, 2017, the SCSC voted unanimously to refer to Excom a proposed administrative rollover of all Fall, 2017 freshmen to the 2018-19 Semester catalog for General Education and graduation requirements (17-18 ASCSC 1 revised). The SCSC believes that a majority of currently enrolled freshmen would benefit from adopting the 2018-19 catalog and would allow them to complete their GE and graduation requirements more quickly. After additional discussion and consultation with the Office of the Registrar, it is not clear if the majority of students would benefit from an automatic rollover and any benefit would need to be determined for each individual student. Therefore, we recommend that all currently-enrolled freshmen seek advising from an appropriate advisor in AACE, EOP, EXCEL, etc., to determine which catalog would most beneficial for completion of the GE and graduation requirements. In addition, consideration might also be given to all currently enrolled (non-freshmen) students to adopt the 2018-19 Semester catalog if they benefit from the change after consultation with an appropriate advisor. Some time limit on making a change to the 2018-19 GE catalog should also be considered.

At its meeting on November 6th 2017, CIC met to consider this and asked the Chair of the Semester Conversion Steering Committee and the Registrar questions. The following specific policy was developed in consultation with them. It was approved unanimously.

PROPOSED POLICY:

All matriculated students from the 2017-18 academic year will be allowed to move to the 2018-19 General Education catalog, after they seek advising to determine if they would, in fact, benefit from the change. This is similar to the policy previously adopted for major requirements (16-17 CIC 106). This option for matriculated students from 2017-18 to select the 2018-19 GE catalog will end with the start of Fall Semester 2020. This policy does not limit student rights granted under Title 5.