TO: The Academic Senate

VIA: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)

FROM: General Education Subcommittee

SUBJECT: 17-18 CIC 39: Revised Clarification of B6 Standards

PURPOSE: Approval of the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate approve the practice of the General Education Subcommittee regarding area B6; upon the signature of the President, effective Fall 2018.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
Last year, the GE Subcommittee sent the Senate 16-17 CIC 62. During Summer, 2017, Executive Order 1100 (revised) was issued. In EO 1100 (revised), it is mandated that courses approved for general education and for major credit shall fulfill both. Thus a program may choose to allow B6 GE courses offered in the major department to count towards the major program requirements. A program which offers courses that were approved with the caveat that they were “not for major credit” may request to have the statement removed if the program wishes to allow the courses to count towards their major’s requirements.

However, it is still the case that the Subcommittee will ensure that B6 courses meet the appropriate criteria, including the practice of general education in approved courses. For example, courses proposed with significant prerequisite requirements beyond B4 may be rejected if they are not deemed general education by the GE Subcommittee.

The General Education Subcommittee unanimously voted to send this statement to the Senate on January 24, 2018.