



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

18-19 BEC 9

Thursday, April 16, 2019

TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: Executive Committee (Excom)

SUBJECT: 18-19 BEC 9: Resolution on ASCSU GE Task Force Report

PURPOSE: To assert faculty responsibility and autonomy over curriculum and the planning and design of the CSU General Education requirements

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate approve this resolution for immediate distribution to Chancellor White, EVC Blanchard, ASCSU Chair Nelson and the 22 chairs of the other CSU campus Academic Senates

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Academic Senate of the CSU (ASCSU) convened a General Education (GE) Task Force (GETF) to review and recommend changes to the GE requirements in the CSU. It submitted its [Report](#) to the ASCSU, and this is currently under review and will likely be subject to an accept/reject vote at the next ASCSU Plenary in May 2019. As the GETF met to prepare this report, the Chancellor's office issued [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 1100 revised](#), which, it is generally agreed on our campus and across the CSU, was issued without adequate consultation with CSU campuses. The ASCSU System-wide shared governance principles and the long-established faculty purview over curriculum necessitate that General Education requirements in the CSU be developed and modified through campus shared governance processes that respect the role of the faculty in the development and modification of curriculum. The ASCSU System-wide shared governance principles stipulate faculty purview over curriculum, thus necessitate that General Education requirements in the CSU be developed and modified by the faculty through campus shared governance processes.

1 California State University East Bay, Academic Senate
2 18-19 BEC 9 Resolution on ASCSU GE Task Force (GETF) Report
3 Passed (25-7-1) on May 7, 2019
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5 WHEREAS the Academic Senate of the CSUEB recognizes the difficult work undertaken by the
6 GETF in examining General Education (GE) holistically; and
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8 WHEREAS GE constitutes an essential component of our students' growth and ability to contribute to
9 their communities as educated citizens; and
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11 WHEREAS The GETF recognized that existing graduation requirements are separate from, yet
12 complementary to, campus GE programs and, therefore, attempted to incorporate existing campus
13 priorities that currently appear in the form of local Graduation Requirements into a more coherent whole
14 along with GE; and
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16 WHEREAS The issuance of [E.O. 1100 revised was done](#) without adequate consultation with the
17 ASCSU and the campus Senates and did not respect the tenets of shared governance and the campus
18 processes for revising their curriculum; and
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20 WHEREAS Many campuses, including CSUEB, are still engaged in revising their GE programs as a
21 result of E.O. 1100 revised and [E.O. 1110](#); and
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23 WHEREAS the American Institutions (AI) requirements are not part of EO 1100 (r) nor within the
24 purview of the GETF
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26 WHEREAS Some recommendations of the GE Task Force are poorly understood on campuses; be it
27 therefore
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29 RESOLVED That the GETF report be recognized as a conceptual document that must be referred to
30 the appropriate ASCSU subcommittees for their consideration, which must involve gathering broad
31 campus input; and be it further
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33 RESOLVED That campuses maintain the autonomy to include requirements beyond GE and outside the
34 major,
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36 RESOLVED That no changes in AI requirements be made without appropriate consultation with faculty,
37 particularly those teaching AI courses; and
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39 RESOLVED That this process be used to clarify the uncertainty and ambiguity in the report's
40 recommendations; and be it further
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42 RESOLVED That any changes in the requirements for General Education in the CSU should be
43 developed thoughtfully, and with deliberation and full and broad consultation with the ASCSU and the
44 campus Senates; and be it further
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46 RESOLVED That any processes or changes in the curriculum of any CSU campus should be faculty
47 driven, and the Chancellor's Office should respect the tenets of shared governance in their approach to
48 changing system-wide curricular requirements; and be it further
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1 RESOLVED That the Chancellor's office should respect the curriculum development and revision
2 processes on campuses by allowing a lengthy implementation timeline for any GE changes; and be it
3 further

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5 RESOLVED That any systemwide changes to GE do not prohibit the practice of establishing local
6 graduation requirements that may; and be it further

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8 RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees impose at least a five-year moratorium on any Chancellor's
9 Office Executive Orders or other CSU state-mandated changes to General Education after the final
10 implementation of Executive Order 1100; and be it

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12 RESOLVED This resolution be distributed to Chancellor White, EVC Blanchard, ASCSU Chair
13 Nelson, and the 22 chairs of the other CSU Senates.