TO: The Executive Committee

FROM: Semester Conversion Directors (SCD)

SUBJECT: 14-15 ASCD 3: Semester Conversion and the General Education and Graduation Requirements Program

PURPOSE: For approval by the Executive Committee

ACTION REQUESTED:
The SCD request that the General Education subcommittee of CIC be formally charged with recommending revisions to the General Education program to reflect the conversion of CSUEB from a quarter to semester academic calendar in Fall 2018. The charge is to complete this important task in a timely manner to ensure Senate approval of the new GE model, including graduation requirements, no later than Spring 2015.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
The revision of our GE package and graduation requirements is among the critical first steps in CSUEB’s conversion from quarter to semester. We appreciate that the GE subcommittee has begun this important work and that they understand the time sensitive nature of this task. We also appreciate that the committee plans to engage the campus community in the discussion of how our general education program can best serve our diverse students in the 21st century. Although this is a challenging task, we value the committee’s willingness to consider how best to align our GE program with our Institutional Learning Outcomes.

We recommend what the committee has already begun to do: Begin with the GE conversion model developed by Senior Director of Undergraduate Studies and General Education Sally Murphy (attachment A). Consult the Chancellor’s Office Executive Order 1065. Revisit our GE learning outcomes and consult our Institutional Learning Outcomes.