Resolution of Concern Regarding Executive Order 1100
(CSU General Education Breadth Requirement)
August 23, 2017 Revisions

The Faculty Senate expresses concern about Executive Order 1100 (CSU General Education Breadth Requirement) and requests a delay in implementation until Fall 2019.

Further, the Faculty Senate endorses the requests made by the Chancellor’s General Education Advisory Committee to delay implementation of Executive Orders 1100 (revised) and 1110, and by the Academic Senate of the CSU to put into abeyance and defer their implementation date to, at earliest, Fall 2019.

The Faculty Senate of California State University, Sacramento is dedicated to providing a “world-class, affordable education in the political, cultural, and economic heart of the Golden State.” We acknowledge and promote the importance of both focused as well as general education—providing over 65 unique major programs of study alongside requiring wide breadth of general education courses—in order to foster an engaged, intelligent, and aware citizenry for the Sacramento region.

With those goals in mind, the Faculty Senate is concerned about the California State University’s Chancellor’s Executive Order 1100 for the following reasons:

- The timing of the issuance of the EO1100 did not allow for fulsome and thoughtful shared governance by all the parties involved, including but not limited to, students, staff, and faculty;
- Administrative usurpation of curriculum, which should be and is determined by the Faculty through a comprehensive review and approval process to new or modification to existing courses and programs;
- Undue burden on Faculty who must:
  - Develop new or revise existing courses (EO 1110, in particular);
  - Develop and widen the catalog of upper-division, GE requirement-fulfilling courses in Area B, specifically;
- Undue burden on staff who are responsible for publishing the 2018/19 catalog;
- Undue burden on Academic Advisors charged with helping students make good choices about the courses they take and the majors they pursue;
- Undue burden on Student Affairs staff charged with an array of support strategies and on short notice; and
Among the most important, this change will cause an undue burden on the students who will need to change their plans of study to meet new requirements by:

- For example, reducing options to fulfill GE requirements for our junior transfer students by eliminating upper-division Area E courses as a means to complete their full complement of upper-division GE requirements;
- Displacing lower-division students with the influx of upper-division students enrolled in upper-division GE courses in Areas B, C, and D;
- Eliminating the possibility of taking courses that fulfill multiple GE/Graduation requirements simultaneously (double counting);
- The need to determine necessary actions to accommodate the catalogue rights of those students already in their academic careers prior to the date of implementation.
- And, thereby impeding the four-year graduation rate for a vast majority of students.

Considering the major effects that EO1100 will have on all constituencies on our campus, particularly on our students, the Faculty Senate strongly urges Chancellor White, Executive Vice Chancellor Blanchard, and the California State University Board of Trustees to delay implementation of EO1100 until Fall semester 2019 to allow all parties involved to make a smooth and coordinated transition for the benefit of all.

This resolution should be distributed to President Nelsen, Chancellor White, Executive Vice Chancellor Blanchard, the California State University Board of Trustees, CSU Campus Senate Chairs, and the Statewide Academic Senate.