Opposition to the Timeline for Implementation of Executive Order 1100 (revised)

RF17-362
Date: 10/17/2017

RATIONALE:
The extremely short timeline for the implementation of the revised CSU Executive Order 1100 disregards the processes developed on our campus for curricular design or redesign, and abridges the faculty’s right to control the curriculum on our campus. The Faculty of San Francisco State University strongly urge Chancellor White to delay the implementation of E.O. 1100 (revised) until Fall of 2019, thereby giving our campus time to develop well-conceived and vetted changes to our General Education curriculum.

WHEREAS, The Chancellor of the California State University System has revised Executive Order 1100, the General Education Breadth Requirements, without sufficient consultation with CSU campuses and consideration for the campus designated processes for curricular change; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco State University (SF State) Faculty spent five years in a university-wide process to develop a new set of baccalaureate requirements, including those in General Education; and

WHEREAS, A three-course package of written English Communication requirements was approved after an external review of writing and extensive collaboration across campus, with two of the courses being placed in the General Education curriculum; and

WHEREAS, SF State recently completed a year-long self-study of the first-year experience, and had planned to spend this academic year examining models for first-year seminars and other curriculum designed to support first-year student success; and

WHEREAS, SF State students have long fulfilled the General Education Area E (lifelong learning and self-development) requirement as an overlay (multiple requirements met by the same course without additional units); and

WHEREAS, The curriculum review and approval processes at SF State require any proposed changes to existing General Education courses effective Fall 2018 be submitted in November 2017; and

WHEREAS, Eliminating General Education Area A4 (Written English Communication 2), and revising all Area E courses to fulfill the requirements of E.O. 1100 will take months of campus conversations and redesign activities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Faculty of SF State strongly object to a process whereby the Chancellor’s office has imposed changes to the General Education requirements with minimal consultation with faculty; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Faculty of SF State echo the requests from the Academic Senate of the California State University and other campus Academic Senates that Chancellor White extend the implementation date of EO 1100 (revised) to, at earliest, Fall 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SF State Academic Senate encourage Interim Provost and VP of Academic Affairs Summit to request an extension from Chancellor White to delay implementation of E.O. 1100 to Fall 2019 for SF State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be distributed to Chair of the Board of Trustees Eisen, CSU Chancellor White, EVC Blanchard, ASCSU Chair Miller, President Wong, and to all Campus Senate Chairs.

Approved without dissent by the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University on Tuesday, October 17, 2017