TO: Academic Senate

FROM: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum

SUBJECT: Application of Second Composition Course to Area G for Transfer Students Under the 1998-2004 and 2004-2009 G.E. Patterns

PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate Approve the Application of a Second Composition Course to Area G for Transfer Students Under the 1998-2004 and 2004-2009 G.E. Patterns

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In June 2003, the Academic Senate approved the elimination of the Transfer G.E. pattern, effective Fall 2004, and voted to require transfer students completing their General Education according to the CSUH G.E. requirements appropriate to the student’s catalog year.

In her review of the implications of this change, the General Education Coordinator realized that if the letter of the policy is followed, all transfer students with catalog years 1998 or later will have to complete Area G: Information Literacy and General Studies linked to freshman clusters. While it remains the intention of the Library to develop a new upper-division Information Literacy course and of General Education to develop a transfer General Studies course, the current budget situation makes it impossible to do either at this time. Until the University returns to a more favorable budget climate, the AVP of Academic Programs and Graduate Studies and the General Education Coordinator request that the second composition course (CSUH’s ENGL 1002 or a transfer equivalent) be used to complete Area G.

There was not sufficient time for the G.E. Subcommittee to review this proposal in time for the new group of Fall transfer students.

CIC reviewed it with the General Education Coordinator at its meeting on May 10, 2004. There were no substantive disagreement with the document and it was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.