TO: The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

FROM: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum

SUBJECT: Change in CIC’s Course Approval Process

PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate.

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Executive Committee approve the following change in CIC’s General Education Course Approval Process.

CIC members voted unanimously to make the following change in CIC’s General Education Course Approval Process:

A course submitted for GE approval may be provisionally approved for one quarter by approval of either the GE Subcommittee or CIC. The request for provisional approval of a course must be placed on the agenda of the GE subcommittee or CIC by the GE Director or Chair of CIC, respectively. This policy replaces the previously adopted policy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: CIC members argued that the proposed policy would provide more flexibility in GE course offerings by making rapid provisional approval for GE courses possible, while still involving the faculty governance structure. Courses would still be approved through the regular process for ongoing approval. However, this process would allow GE courses to be provisionally approved, available for students, on the list of approved GE courses for the purposes of advising, and in time for the advertising of courses when the course schedule appears on line. The need for this policy seems to be that our GE curriculum often changes faster than the Senate moves. CIC members noted that generally when a course is approved by the GE Subcommittee and/or by CIC, the Senate follows the committees’ recommendations.