TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum
SUBJECT: Policy on Self-Support Courses and Programs
PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of New Course and New Program Form Modification to Indicate Self-Support Courses and Programs, effective upon the signature of the President.

In accordance with the Chancellor’s Executive Order 802, this policy requires that new course proposals and new program proposals will clearly be marked whether or not the course or program will be offered either on stateside state-support or on self-support during the regular academic year.

New courses and programs seeking approval form the Academic Senate shall be clearly designated as either “stateside state-support” or “self-support” on proposal forms in the form of a check box:

- Stateside State-support
- Self-Support

This information will also be clearly stated in the Background Information of the requests submitted to Senators for vote.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The need for this policy arose from the likelihood of new courses and programs being proposed with the advent of the budget crisis. CIC developed this policy to ensure transparency of the intent of new courses and programs going through the Academic Senate approval process. The following is information that explains the parameters of what is permissible under EO 802.

1) This policy can only apply to new courses and programs, since in accordance with EO 802, courses and programs that have previously been offered stateside cannot be moved or supplanted by self-supported offering during the regular academic year. “Self-supporting special sessions shall not supplant regular course offerings available on a state-supported basis during the college year (Education Code Section 89708).” (EO 802)

2) Courses and programs cannot be moved from stateside to self-support in order to accommodate student demand or to alleviate the effects of budget shortfall. The following passages are from Information Request 673, Clarification Regarding Executive Order 802:

   1. If there is insufficient funding available to continue running a degree program
through General Fund, may campuses move it to special sessions so that student demand can be met?

No. Courses and programs that have been offered through state support shall not be moved to self-support, special sessions, either temporarily or permanently because of funding issues. Degree programs offered through special sessions must meet the criteria specified in EO 802 C (1)(b).

2. Student demand for courses can only be met by offering some sections in state support and by adding sections offered through self-support. Are campuses allowed to offer additional sections through special sessions, as long as some sections remain on the state-support side?

No. As with degree programs, state-supported courses are not to be replaced by sections offered through self-support … A temporary lack of sufficient funding does not justify moving state-supported offerings to special sessions.

3) An exception to this policy is that stateside courses can be offered during Summer quarter when such courses are also offered during the regular academic year. Courses that are intended to be state supported can be offered during the Summer quarter as long as sections are also offered during the regular academic year. “Special sessions courses shall not be offered at times or places that are likely to supplant or limit offerings of the state supported program (Education Code Section 89708)” (EO 802). This is also supported by another passage from IR 673:

3. Is it acceptable to move some or all remediation courses to special summer sessions?

Remediation may be offered on special sessions during the summer, but must be on state support during the academic year. We will always ask that you keep the CSU mission, our dedication to student service, and the CSU values of access, affordability, and diversity at the center of your decision making. In addition to the criteria for offering instruction through special sessions and the prohibition against supplanting state-support courses and programs, can cannot impede students’ access to the university by diminishing the availability of affordable remediation.

Policies Cited:

Executive Order 802
www.calstate.edu/EO/EO-802.pdf

IR 673: Clarification Regarding Executive Order 802, Special Sessions, from Jeri Echeverria, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer, dated September 2, 2009.