TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum

SUBJECT: Temporary Course Cap Increase for C4 and D4 UDGE courses

PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: To amend 02-03 CIC 12-amended with the following provision:

That the writing requirement in C4 and D4 be retained and that the Academic Senate approve temporarily raising the maximum enrollment on each course by no more than 5 students per section (from an enrollment cap of 35 to an enrollment maximum of 40). Implementation of this proposal must be consistent with contractual obligations to consult with the teaching faculty.

This increase in enrollment caps shall be reviewed during Winter 2012. The increase in course caps will expire at the end of Spring 2012.

BACKGROUND
INFORMATION: The current financial crisis has reduced the number of courses offered each term. Reductions in courses and course sections create serious difficulties for progress to graduation for our students. The goal of this proposal is to increase student access to required general education courses, protect faculty workload, and maintain the integrity of CSUEB’s upper division writing requirements.

The GE Subcommittee unanimously voted for this temporary increase in course capacity for C4 and D4 course at its meeting on February 22, 2010, and CIC unanimously concurred at its meeting on March 1, 2010.