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To: Academic Senate
From: Tony Rimmer, Chair
GE Committee, 2006-2007
Re: Annual Report, General Education Committee, 2005-2006

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II. COMMITTEE ACTIONS

1.0 General Overview.
The Committee had an active year, meeting a total of 15 times, seven in fall 2006 and eight in spring 2007. In addition three subcommittees were active reviewing course proposals between regular meetings. There was also some informal consultation among members during intersession 2007 as the committee began drawing up its proposal to the Academic Senate for a moratorium on GE course certifications so the committee could begin a program review of General Education.
Three issues before the Committee this year deserve highlighting:
1. The Committee completed the endeavor begun by its predecessor Committees of recertifying all existing GE courses.
2. Late in the year the Nursing program submitted a request to the Committee for unit-limit variations in several GE categories in its new pathways program to the BS nursing program. The Committee began considering the issue at the end of its term, with the expectation that the issue would have to be continued by the 2007-08 Committee.
3. The committee proposed to the Academic Senate that a moratorium on the certification of GE courses be imposed so that next year’s committee might be able to undertake a program review of its activities. The proposal began with a motion passed by the Committee at its December 1, 2006 meeting, as follows:

   **MSP: GE committee recommends to the Senate a one year moratorium on receiving and approving new GE courses in order to undertake a comprehensive review of the GE program.**

A concept paper was developed by the Committee supporting the motion and the case was submitted to the Academic Senate in the Spring of 2007. The Senate approved the idea of the moratorium while retaining some provisions for the continuing certification of GE courses.

### 2.0 Review of New Course Proposals & Existing Courses Seeking GE Status

The following new courses were reviewed and recommended to the Academic Senate by the GE Committee for inclusion in the GE Program:

#### Fall 2006

- **ARAB 203**  Intermediate Arabic A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
- **CHIN 203**  Intermediate Chinese A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
- **ITAL 203**  Intermediate Italian A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
- **KORE 203**  Intermediate Korean A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
- **PERS 203**  Intermediate Persian A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
- **VIET 203**  Intermediate Vietnamese A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
- **GEOG 342**  The Middle East, in Category III.C.2, Implications, Explorations, and Participatory Experience in the Social Sciences, and Category V, Cultural Diversity
- **ITAL 101**  Fundamental Italian A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
- **ITAL 102**  Fundamental Italian B, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
- **KORE 101**  Fundamental Korean A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
- **KORE 102**  Fundamental Korean B, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
- **PERS 101**  Fundamental Persian A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
- **PERS 102**  Fundamental Persian B, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities

#### Spring 2007

- **MUS 308**  Music of the Middle East, in Category III.B.3, Implications, Explorations, and Participatory Experience in the Arts and Humanities, and Category V, Cultural Diversity
- **ART 380**  Art and Child Development, in Category III.B.3, Implications, Explorations, and Participatory Experience in the Arts and Humanities
- **ENGL 331**  Shakespeare on Film, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
VIET 101  Fundamental Vietnamese-A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
VIET 102  Fundamental Vietnamese-B, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities

The following existing course was reviewed and recommended to the Academic Senate by the GE Committee for inclusion in the GE Program:

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CPRL 380  Religion and Violence, in Category IV, Lifelong Learning, and Category V, Cultural Diversity

The following new course proposals were not voted on. They will be carried over to next year for further consideration, pending responses from their respective departments to questions raised by the Committee during preliminary review:
BIO/CHEM 105  Molecules of Life; Request from Chemistry to reclassify CHEM 105/BIO 105 from III.A.2.c. (Disciplinary Learning, Life Science) to III.A.2.a. (Disciplinary Learning, Physical Science) and list as CHEM 105
CAS/AFRO 370  Development of African American Children and Youth
CHIC/RTVF 382  The Bronze Screen: Latino in Film
EDAD 364  Justice & Equity in California Education
LBST 325  Science on the Silver Screen
WMST 330  Women in Leadership
READ 380  Critical Reading, Critical Thinking, and Problem Solving for Life-Long Learning
RTVF 361  American Television
CHEM 200  Chemistry for Nursing & Allied Health Professionals
KINES/BIO 220A  Integrated Human Anatomy & Physiology

### 3.0 Recertification of Existing GE Courses

The GE Committee completed the task of recertification of existing GE courses initiated and worked on by previous committees. Quoting language from the Committee’s annual report for 2005-06 (p. 2), “The process of recertification (through the work of three subcommittees) has proven to be a useful vehicle to encourage and support departments and programs to ensure that GE courses address and met the required GE Learning Goals in the appropriate category.”

Nine courses were recertified this year through this process. They were:
BIOL 319/319L  Marine Biology
GEO 101/101L  Physical Geology
GEO 140  Atmosphere and Oceans
GEO 310T  Geology of California
HCOM 235  Essentials of Argumentation
HON 101 A & B  Honors, Critical Thinking
MATH 338  Statistical Applications in the Natural Sciences
PHIL 105  Critical Thinking
PHIL 386  Philosophy of Biology
4.0 Proposals to the Academic Senate
1. Nineteen new courses (identified in item 2.0 above) were recommended to the Academic Senate by the GE Committee for inclusion in the GE Program. The Senate approved the courses.
2. The committee proposed to the Academic Senate that a moratorium on the certification of GE courses be imposed so that next year’s committee might be able to undertake a program review of its activities. The Senate approved the idea of the moratorium while retaining some provisions for the continuing certification of GE courses.

5.0 Plans for 2007-08
The 2007-08 Committee has a lot of very important work coming at it next year. Two of the larger tasks:
1. Given its scale, the Nursing program’s proposal for unit-limit variations in several GE categories in its new pathways program to the BS nursing program is a very complex issue for the Committee. The issue is further complicated by the number of new courses that the Nursing program is proposing. The Nurses appear to have done a comprehensive job of planning their proposal. This will be of great assistance to the Committee, but there is still no denying the scale and complexity of the task before the Committee as it considers the waiver proposal and the new courses therein.
2. The Academic Senate’s approval of the GE Committee’s course moratorium proposal has cleared the way for the Committee to begin its long-planned program review of General Education at Cal State Fullerton. The present program is cumbersome, complex in its requirements, and over time it has built a large inventory of courses. We look forward to hearing about the progress, and the outcome, of this review. The fundamental question, of course, is whether our program, as presently constituted, meets the university’s aspirations for general education.