DATE: June 30, 2014

TO: Mildred García, President
José Cruz, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Peter Nwosu, Associate Vice President of Academic Programs

FROM: Sean Walker, Chair
Academic Senate

SUBJECT: ASD 14-84 Resolution Regarding Double Counting in Majors, Minors, and General Education

The attached resolution was approved unanimously as a Consent Calendar item by the Academic Senate of California State University, Fullerton at its Electoral meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2014.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachment: ASD 14-84
Resolution

Double Counting in Majors, Minors, and General Education

Whereas there is confusion among faculty, staff and students as to what can and cannot be double-counted to fulfill degree requirements at California State University, Fullerton; and

Whereas current university policy statements do not give clear guidance on this issue; and

Whereas this lack of guidance has resulted in a number of exceptions to what was thought to be policy; and

Whereas requiring students to take additional courses to meet similar or identical learning goals has few tangible benefits; and

Whereas one of the purposes of general education is to allow students to explore different fields of inquiry; and

Whereas our current policies, exceptions to the rules, and the associated confusion creates additional bureaucratic hurdles that prevent or delay students from graduating and frustrate academic advisors; therefore be it

Resolved that the Academic Senate Executive Committee propose revisions to UPS 410.103 Curriculum Guidelines and Procedures: New Programs and/or propose a new UPS on double counting; and be it further

Resolved that the proposed policy should favor double-counting of major and general education units where practical, permissible, and advisable; and be it further

Resolved that the proposed policy be submitted to the University Curriculum Committee, General Education Committee, and Academic Standards Committee in September of 2014 for their review; and be it finally

Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the President, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Associate Vice President of Academic Programs at California State University, Fullerton.

Source: Executive Committee