



Resolution on the Implementation of Executive Order 1100 – General Education Breadth Requirements – *Primum non nocere*

Whereas, at CSUF, “General education is central to a university education, and should enhance students’ awareness of themselves in a complex universe, drawing upon multiple points of view. As a result of general education experience, students should acquire knowledge of diverse disciplinary and cultural perspectives and skill in comparing, contrasting, applying, and communicating effectively these perspectives in tasks considered appropriate to particular courses.” (from UPS 411.201); and

Whereas, the Chancellor of the California State University System has revised Executive Order (EO) 1100, the General Education Breadth Requirements; and

Whereas, the Chancellor’s General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC), in a letter dated September 18 has requested that the Chancellor delay the implementation of EO 1100 by at least one academic year in order to allow clarity and conversations as CSU campuses and their community college counterparts work on these issues; and

Whereas, the timeline for implementation will be impossible to meet based on CSUF policy, procedures, and traditions; and

Whereas, the changes to EO 1100 will impact students, faculty, departments, both small and large; and

Whereas, these changes will result in a redistribution of the resources available to departments and colleges; and

Whereas, these changes will result in alterations to unique campus GE programs designed by faculty and refined over many years of consultation, deliberation, assessment, failures, and successes; *therefore be it*

Resolved that the CSUF Academic Senate does not support the content of the curricular reforms or the implementation schedule of the current revision of EO 1100; and be it further

Resolved that the CSUF Academic Senate support the letter from GEAC and ASCSU Resolution 3304 and the concerns those documents express about implementation; and be it further

Resolved that the CSUF Academic Senate strongly urges the Chancellor to reconsider scope of the current revision of EO 1100 and implementation deadline; and be it further

Resolved that CSUF will fervently maintain our philosophy that diverse disciplinary and cultural experiences are important in the development and success of our students; and be it further

Resolved that any changes to the existing CSUF General Education (GE) program should minimize impact on departments and programs; and be it further

Resolved that the CSUF Academic Senate encourages a robust campus and system-wide discussion about the best ways to address CSU and CSUF goals for graduation rates, achievement gaps, and student progress that are data-driven, informed by best-practice, and developed via the traditional shared governance process (i.e. the “Fullerton Way”); and be it finally

Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed to Chair of the Board of Trustees Eisen, CSU Chancellor White, ASCSU Chair Miller, President Garcia, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Puri, Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Programs Oliver, and to all Campus Senate Chairs.

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