



Resolution for Consultation on ASCSU GE Task Force Report

WHEREAS the ASCSU GE Task Force Report (Report) was issued on February 8th and recommends substantial changes to the General Education requirements in the CSU; and

WHEREAS the Report was issued only one year after the mandated changes to General Education as a result of EO1100rev issued by the Chancellor's Office; and

WHEREAS although the Report has not yet been received by the ASCSU, its recommendations have already been condemned by the American History Association¹ and the Academic Senate at Stanislaus State University²; and

WHEREAS the ASCSU GE Task Force correctly states that, "*A robust General Education (GE) program is an invaluable component of a baccalaureate degree offered by the California State University (CSU) system.*"; and

WHEREAS the differences among prior, current and proposed GE requirements based on the recommendations in the ASCSU Task Force report are significant and substantial with implications for both the breadth and quality of education offered to students in the CSU system; and

WHEREAS substantial changes to the CSU General Education requirements impact the other segments of the California Higher Education community and may result in even more complicated transfer patterns (e.g. IGETC, CSU Breadth) based on the year a student entered higher education; and

WHEREAS the rapid pace of changes and proposed changes creates an enormous workload and frustration for students, faculty, staff, administrators, and campus governance structures to make sure that catalogs, advising information, scheduling, development of new courses, and certification of existing courses into a new and now an additional proposed GE program structure; Therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the CSUF Academic Senate strongly urges the ASCSU to make no recommendations on the report of the ASCSU GE Task Force until campus senates and administrations have reported to the ASCSU on the impact of these changes on academic programs and student learning; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the CSUF Academic Senate encourage the ASCSU to consult with the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates to obtain input from the other segments of California Higher Education on the impact of the recommended changes in the ASCSU GE Task Force Report or other changes to GE; and be it further

¹ <http://historycoalition.org/2019/02/28/alert-preserve-american-history-and-civics-education-in-california/>

² 03/AS/19/SEC, "Resolution Rejecting the Report of the GE Task Force"

RESOLVED: that the CSUF Academic Senate strongly urges the Chancellor's Office to make no new changes or clarifications to General Education until any new changes are vetted through the normal process of shared governance, a formal vote by ASCSU, and no further deadlines be issued; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the CSUF Academic Senate agrees with the statement in the Report that it is a *“starting point for discussion and reflection and is offered up for wide dissemination, discussion, and ultimately, shared governance-based recommendations to further enhance all CSU students' baccalaureate education”*; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Academic Senate begin a process of developing a comprehensive response to the Report that includes systematic and inclusive campus discussions building upon the existing work of the CSUF campus GE Task Force report to develop a vision of GE for our campus; and be it further

RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution be distributed to CSU Chancellor White, CSU EVC Blanchard, ASCSU Chair Nelson, ASCCC President John Stankas, President Virjee, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs Oliver, ASI President, CSSA, and to all CSU Campus Senate Chairs.