

ACADEMIC SENATE – General Education Governance Board

Fall 2020

Due: Thursday, December 10, 2020

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CHARGES		
Charge	Complete?	Status/Notes
Submit revised GE PLO's. AY 2020-21	<input type="checkbox"/>	The GEGB was waiting for the ethnic studies requirement from the Chancellor's Office to review possible DEI-related updates in the GE PLOs draft. As this executive order appeared on December 3, the Board's conversation will occur in January. Our intention is to submit the GE PLOs (with our revised mission statement) in winter for Academic Senate approval.
Continue with the GE recertification process. AY 2020-21	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>During fall quarter the GEGB discussed 119 recertification proposals for courses in Areas A and B. By quarter's end, 109 had been forwarded to ASCC. Of the remainder, three proposals are still with the sponsoring department after the Board's rollback, three rolled-back proposals were returned to the Board after its last fall-quarter meeting, and four 400-level courses will be processed for decertification in the next catalog cycle. (See second note below.)</p> <p>Prior to this quarter's review, seventeen Area B courses asked for an extension; one of those proposals is already in the GEGB's workflow. The other proposals will be discussed in fall 2021.</p>

		The overall recertification process on campus continues at present with the preparation at the department level of recertification proposals in Lower-Division Areas C, D, and E. These will be due to the Registrar's Office by early June, and the Board will review them next fall.
Implement GE Area F (may include coordination and collaboration with the CSU/CO, ASCSU and CES on AB-1460 deployment). AY 2020-21	<input type="checkbox"/>	This process is, indeed, tied to the work being done at a systemwide level. The Chancellor's executive order on this matter was issued on December 3. Implementing a GE Area F at Cal Poly will involve distinct changes to our standard and high-unit GE templates. Modification of the standard template will be straightforward—four units from Lower-Division D2 will create Area F. The GEGB will have to consider some options in modifying the high-unit template. This discussion will take place on January 4. A resolution with our comprehensive recommendations will be forwarded to the Academic Senate soon thereafter. Beyond changing the GE template, the Board awaits the associated Area F guideline recommendations from the Senate's Ethnic Studies work group. Those will likely be sent to the Senate in a separate resolution. Presumably, review of courses to be offered in Area F will occur in late winter.
Review curriculum proposals: both catalog cycle and continuous course review proposals. Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Board continues to review these proposals.
Explore "course renewal" cycle (in collaboration with Curriculum Committee). Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/>	No discussions on this topic occurred during the fall quarter.

NOTES:

- Based on conversations prompted by repeated rollbacks of a particular recertification proposal, the GEGB has now arrived at a process by which curricular proposals may be denied GE approval by the Board without leaving them in the procedural limbo. Unapproved proposals will now be forwarded to ASCC with a memo describing the Board's position. This will allow a proposal to appear on the Academic Senate's consent agenda, which will afford the proposer the right to pull the proposal in question for review by the Curriculum Appeals Committee.

- During the Board's review of recertification proposals this quarter, a handful of 400-level courses in Area B came to our attention. After thorough discussion, the Board's conclusion was that courses at this level are, by definition, major specific and therefore outside the mission of general education. Based on consultation with the curriculum committees in COSAM and the College of Engineering, it seemed that removing these courses from GE would not impact any student's progress to degree. Consequently, four 400-level classes (MATH 408, PHYS 412, PHYS 417, PHYS 452) received a temporary extension to remain in Upper-Division Area B, but they will be formally decertified during the AY 2021–2022 cycle. This will allow the consequences of their removal from the catalog to be fully addressed (e.g., renumbering of courses). The Board's policy going forward is that 400-level courses should not be a part of the GE program.