

Spring 2015  
GEGB Quarterly Report  
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### **General Education Self-Study**

Cal Poly's GE Program will undergo review next year. To prepare, the GEGB spent this quarter's meetings discussing the GE program, with a particular focus on the ways in which GE can better meet the needs of students and faculty alike.

- **Review Criteria:** The GEGB attempted to clarify the criteria the GEGB uses when reviewing course proposals. This language will appear on the GE website this summer, after additional revising.
- **GE Course Renewal:** The GEGB drafted a proposal for a "Course Renewal" process wherein GE classes that have previously been approved for GE will be reviewed to ensure that GE Course Objectives are still being met. No such mechanism currently exists; once a course is approved, it is never re-reviewed, despite the ways in which curriculum necessarily shifts over time. In discussing course renewal, the GEGB looked at other fully developed GE "recertification" programs at different institutions, including Temple, CSU Long Beach, Lincoln-Nebraska, and Greensboro. I will be contacting the GE director at Long Beach to better understand their process.
- **Data Collection:** Working with Katie Tool, GE is generating information on enrollment patterns dating back to 2009. We want to better understand issues related to "bottlenecks", as well as under-enrolled classes. In effect, we want to ensure that GE is meeting demand. In areas where demand is not met, we can coordinate with departments offering the courses to ensure that students have access to the classes they need.
- As part of program review, I will also be submitting names of possible reviewers (in coordination with Gary Laver and Mary Pedersen).

**Course Appeals:** Two GEGB decisions were appealed in winter quarter—an ARCH course sequence that had been proposed for both D4 and C4 status, and NR 264, which had been proposed as a GE D2 course. We heard from the appeals committee in spring. The committee did not to approve the ARCH sequence for GE. The committee offered multiple suggestions to the NR proposer, each of which seemingly supported the GEGB's response to the proposal. It is unclear if the NR proposer will resubmit for the next catalog cycle.

**Looking Ahead:** I will be writing the self-study this summer. The GEGB will discuss the report at a retreat held during fall quarter. Reviewers will be invited to campus Winter 2016.