

ACADEMIC SENATE – General Education Governance Board

Spring 2021

Due: Friday, June 4, 2021

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CHARGES		
Charge	Complete?	Status/Notes
Submit revised GE PLO's. AY 2020-21	<input type="checkbox"/>	As indicated in our winter report, our position is that GE PLOs are not needed in the Board's review of proposals. However, this quarter, the Board elected to revise the GE PLOs as a document reflecting GE assessment. In consultation with Michael Ngyuen, Director of Assessment, we have begun conversations to develop this process thoughtfully and well before it needs to be implemented, i.e., while recertification of GE courses under the new template and guidelines is occurring. GE PLOs will be revised next year in tandem with the development of an assessment program.
Continue with the GE recertification process. AY 2020-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Completed Winter 2021
Implement GE Area F (may include coordination and collaboration with the CSU/CO, ASCSU and CES on AB-1460 deployment). AY 2020-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Completed Winter 2021

Review curriculum proposals: both catalog cycle and continuous course review proposals. Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Ongoing, and ongoing, and ongoing...</p> <p>In a break from the practice in which only the chair reviews new subtopics proposals (under previously approved topics courses), the Board has decided that all subtopics courses will be subject to recertification and to review by the full Board as we move into recertification of Areas C and D over the next few years.</p> <p>All proposals submitted for fall-quarter 2021 Area F implementation were approved.</p>
Explore “course renewal” cycle (in collaboration with Curriculum Committee). Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No conversations with ASCC were held on this in the spring. As mentioned in the winter report, it has become clear that the current changes within GE are a pilot form of course renewal. Every GE course is being reevaluated according to the new template and guidelines—the first time this has occurred in twenty years. It is also clear that future course renewal will not proceed on so long a cycle. This issue will be part of the assessment-development conversation with Michael Nguyen next year.</p>

NOTES:

- The Board finalized and posted a new, robust *Mission Statement* for the GE program.
- The Board established a subcommittee to explore modification of GE Area C2 guidelines for courses in languages other than English. The goal is to bring a resolution to the Academic Senate next academic year. In the meantime, the WLC language courses now residing in GE Electives, which would have expired from GE in a year, have received a one-year extension as these conversations continue.
- The Board began discussions with Michael Nguyen, Director of Assessment, on the long-term assessment of the GE program following full implementation of its courses under the new template and guidelines.
- In anticipation of the Upper-Division C and D phase of recertification, the Board realized that certain departments would have an excessive burden submitting all relevant courses in a single year. We have tendered, and all departments concerned have accepted, our offer to split this list over two years, i.e., half of such courses to be recertified will be given a one-year extension in GE and will be submitted for recertification in an additional, deferred year. These five departments include English, Ethnic Studies, History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences.

- The Board has spent copious hours discussing the possibility of a pilot pathways program within GE, to the point of submitting a resolution to the Academic Senate. Upon receipt of reasonable questions during first reading, the Board realized there were far more unresolved concerns than it had originally suspected. The resolution was withdrawn from the Senate for further discussion. In recognition of the goal that pathways could strengthen connections within GE areas, the Board will continue this discussion in the coming year.