

Resolution Number: RS19-380

March, 2019

Whereas:

RATIONALE: The Academic Senate of the CSU (ASCSU) convened a General Education (GE) Task Force to review and recommend changes to the GE requirements in the CSU. Amidst this work the Chancellor's office issued Executive Order (E.O.) 1100 revised, which was issued without adequate consultation with CSU campuses and the ASCSU. The process by which the General Education requirements in the CSU are developed and modified must go through campus shared governance processes and must respect the role of the faculty in the development and modification of curriculum

Whereas:

The Chancellor's Office knew that the GE Task Force was meeting and likely to recommend changes to the current GE requirements as outlined in E.O. 1100 when it issued E.O. 1100 revised; and

Whereas:

The issuance of E.O. 1100 revised, without adequate consultation with the ASCSU and the campus Senates, created an enormous workload and frustration for the faculty of most CSU campuses, SF State included, and did not respect the tenets of shared governance and the campus processes for revising their curriculum; and

Whereas:

Many campuses, including SF State, are fatigued by the process of revising their GE programs as a result of E.O. 1100 revised and E.O. 1110; and

Whereas:

Changes to GE will critically delay the goals of student success at the very moment campuses are starting to mobilize energy around retention, graduation and eliminating achievement gaps; and

Whereas:

Some recommendations of the task force are deeply divisive, and the prohibition on double counting completely unacceptable, and are therefore unlikely to be broadly supported; and

Whereas:

There are concerns about the transparency of the workings of the task force, the lack of consultation with the campuses and the presence of a member of the CSU Board of Trustees on the task force; and

Whereas:

Task forces typically consult extensively with stakeholders before making recommendations to a governing body; be it therefore

Resolved:

That any processes or changes in the curriculum of the any CSU campus must be faculty driven, and the Chancellor's Office must respect the tenets of shared governance in their approach to changing in system-wide curricular requirements; and be it further

Resolved:

That the Chancellor's office must respect the curriculum development and revision processes on campuses by allowing a lengthy implementation timeline for any GE changes; and be it further

Resolved:

Any changes in the requirements for General Education in the CSU must be developed thoughtfully and with deliberation and full and broad consultation with the ASCSU and the campus Senates; and be it further

Resolved:

The Academic Senate of San Francisco State University urges the ASCSU to vote against receiving the GE Task Force Report; and be it further

Resolved:

That the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University request that the ASCSU reconvene the GE Task Force without a member of the Board of Trustees other than the Faculty Trustee; and be it further

Resolved:

This resolution be distributed to Chancellor White, EVC Blanchard, ASCSU Chair Nelson, SF State President Wong, SF State Provost Summit, and the 22 chairs of the CSU Senates.
