

**General Education Committee
Report to CSUSM Academic Senate
April 9, 2008**

Curriculum approved for GE credit since the Feb. 6 Senate meeting:

D7/D: ID 170
DD: PSCI 362

General Education Town Hall Meeting

The Provost's Town Hall Meeting on March 6 was on General Education and assessment. Various issues were discussed; faculty are encouraged to go to the Senate Off Leash blog to offer comments on the issues.

Area E recertification.

The committee continues to work on Area E courses. The committee voted to suspend the recertification process until the criteria for Area E could be made clearer. Due to this delay, in all likelihood this means that if any courses are decertified, the decertification would not be effective until 2009.

Area C3 courses.

With the adoption of PeopleSoft, all courses which qualify for area C3 (which would be most courses in area C departments) will be encoded into the computer – this was not done with Banner. Departments which wish to have certain courses not be so encoded should speak to David Barsky.

**Student Affairs Committee Report to the Academic Senate
4/09/08**

Meetings

SAC meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, plus additional meetings during the Academic Senate Lottery Grant review period. First meeting of 2008 was held on 1/24/08. SAC's seats are filled.

Recent Activities

1. Lottery Grant Proposals

- The Committee reviewed 2 university-wide proposals and 17 unit/college specific proposals that had been pre-ranked by Deans/Unit heads with funding recommendations. We have reported our funding recommendations and comments to the Office of Research, which will issue letters to all proposers. Funding recommendations were based on the following factors:
- i) meeting CSU and CSUSM guidelines for use of Lottery Funds and the stated emphasis on improving student learning;
 - ii) priority assigned by the unit head (or, for university-wide proposals, by SAC);
 - iii) amount of funding recommended by the unit heads; and
 - iv) funds available for each unit.
- Unused funds were distributed to recommended proposals not covered by existing funds in that unit. This resulted in funding for 3 proposals from COAS. All proposals from other units had already received the full amount of funding recommended by their respective unit heads.

In response to a request from SAC, the Office of Research requested from each Dean/Unit head a detailed listing of Lottery proposals, including all submissions (not only those recommended for funding) and feedback on each proposal for inclusion in letters to proposers, with the goal of helping proposers understand funding decisions and craft successful proposals.

We received the requested memos from most units and found the information invaluable. We believe the proposers will also find the comments extremely useful. We extend our thanks to the unit heads who offered feedback.

2. Lottery Grant Allocation Basis

In collaboration with the Office of Research, SAC did an intensive review of the basis for allocating Lottery Grant funds. We requested feedback from Deans and Unit Heads of IITS, Library, and Student Affairs, as well as from EC, on a proposal to revise the allocation method. We are currently researching questions raised by EC.

M. Stoddard Holmes, Chair