

**General Education Committee  
Report to CSUSM Academic Senate  
November 7, 2007**

**Curriculum approved for GE credit this autumn:**

BB: removed for BIOL 375, at department request.

CC: LTWR 336E

DD: ID 370R, PSYC 440K

**Area C modification.**

Lower division requirements in area C include a course from the Arts, a course from Humanities, and a third course for which students have a choice of “any” course from a group of departments. GEC is considering a proposal to create a definitive list of these courses for the third C requirement. One motivation for this is the interest in automating graduation checks. It would appear as though there would then be no substantive change in the ‘third C’ requirement, but there is yet some disagreement about that.

**Language Other Than English Requirement (LOTTER) modification.**

There are a number of ways to satisfy this requirement, and the list of ways has been modified many times over the years. GEC is working on an update of the list, as well as an update of the original 1992 policy. No major changes in the substance of the policy are expected.

**Area E recertification.**

As part of its charge in GE oversight, the GEC continues to do a review of all courses certified for GE area E (Lifelong learning/self-development/information competency). The main difficulty that the committee is encountering is that of deciding precisely what the standards are for area E courses. More specifically, the committee is trying to clarify the precise difference between area D and area E courses.

**GE Assessment.**

The GE Assessment Coordinator, Sharon Hamill, apprises GEC regularly on her work with faculty on assessing attainment of GE learning objectives. Professor Hamill has examined the numerous state and campus GE documents to glean learning objectives that can be assessed in most classes. She has also been consulting with the GEC to create a document containing student learning objectives for the GE program.

## **Student Affairs Committee Report to the Academic Senate 11/07/07**

### **Meetings**

SAC meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. First meeting was held on 8/30/07.

SAC's seats are filled this year. We have two student representatives.

### **Issues under Discussion**

#### **a) Guidelines & Processes of Lottery Proposals:**

- Lottery Grants call will be out later this month with a submission deadline in late January. SAC reviewed the process by which the initial allocations to units are made with G. González and decided not to make changes this AY. We made a number of nonsubstantive changes to the wording of the call and application forms to improve clarity and assist proposers in writing successful applications. We requested that the Office of Research ask unit heads for feedback to proposers.

#### **Workshop on Grant Proposals:**

- SAC will join FAC and the Office of Research in conducting a workshop on Lottery and University Professional Development/Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activity Grant Proposals on November 28 at 2:30.

#### **b) Emergency Preparedness Video:**

SAC discussed the EP video and requested feedback on faculty screenings of the video in class and student/faculty responses.

#### **c) Policies:**

- SAC will begin reviewing the Student Grievance Policy this semester.
- We will review the Academic Honesty Policy and Management of Student Records Policy in Spring semester.

#### **d) Academic Honesty Presentations:**

- SAC gave Academic Honesty presentations to most departments last AY and is available for return presentations this year. Department chairs should contact Martha Stoddard Holmes, [mstoddar@csusm.edu](mailto:mstoddar@csusm.edu) to schedule presentations.