

**To:** The General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

**From:** B. Dana Kivel Chair, General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee

**Date:** May 9, 2014

**RE:** AY 2013/2014 End of Year Report of the General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee

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As determined by policy, the following constitutes the AY 2013/2014 end-of-year report by the General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee (GE/GRPC) for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

I would like to thank the members of the AY 2013/2014 General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee for their efforts this year. The Committee brought forward several recommendations to formally assess the GE program and to revise Area C & D learning outcomes. It has been an honor and a privilege serving with the General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee this Academic Year.

The General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee consists of the following members:

**Voting members:**

Tanya Altmann – School of Nursing (HHS)

Lisa Harrison – Psychology Department (SSIS)

Andrew Hertzoff – Department of Government (SSIS)

Sue Holl – Mechanical Engineering (Engineering and Computer Science)

Dana Kivel – GE/GRPC Chair, Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism Administration (HHS)

Thomas Krabacher – Geography Department (Natural Sciences and Mathematics)

Jeff Niu – Management (CBA)

Mitch Numark – History (A & L)

Ravin Pan – Teacher Education Department (Education)

Reza Peigahi – GE/GRPC Chair, Instructional Services (Library)

Chris Taylor – GE/GRPC Vice-Chair, Department of Physics and Astronomy (Natural Sciences and Mathematics)

**Non-voting members:**

Nicole Baptista – College of Continuing Education

Sheree Meyer – Dean for Undergraduate Studies (Academic Affairs, ex officio)

Andrea Salas – Associated Students Inc.

**The General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee met on the following dates in AY 2013-2014**

<b>Fall 2013</b>	<b>Spring 2014</b>
September 16th (Because the first official meeting fell on Labor Day, a Federal holiday, the committee did not meet until September 16 <sup>th</sup> )	January 22 <sup>nd</sup> – (Retreat to discuss Thematic GE pathways)
September 30 <sup>th</sup> (Because the committee met on September 16 <sup>th</sup> and needed to meet another day, the committee agreed to meet on September 30 <sup>th</sup> )	February 3 <sup>rd</sup> (No meeting)
October 7 <sup>th</sup> (No meeting)	February 17th
October 21st	March 3rd
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	March 17th
November 18th	April 7th
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	April 21 <sup>st</sup> (No meeting)
	May 5th

The General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee meets on First and Third Mondays from 3:00-4:30 PM in Sacramento Hall 275. On January 22, the Committee met for an on-campus retreat to discuss thematic GE pathways.

**Summary of Action in the AY 2012/2013 Faculty Senate**

The following items were acted upon by the Faculty Senate in AY 2013/2014:

- **FS 13/14-73/GE/GRPC/EX General Education Area D Learning Outcomes, Revisions To**

***Carried on February 20, 2014. Accepted by the President on March 11, 2014.***

- **FS 13/14-59/GE/GRPC/EX General Education Assessment Policy, Amendment Of [FS 04-28](#)**

***Carried March 13, 2014. Approved by the President on March 17, 2014.***

- **FS13/14-116/GE/GSPC/EX General Education Area C Learning Outcomes, Revisions To**

**Second Reading scheduled for May 15, 2014.**

In addition, the Committee did the following:

- Convened two campus-wide meetings to create workgroups to focus on Area A learning outcome revisions.
- Continued working on FS 12/13-53a/FLR World Cultures and Global Awareness Requirement passed by the Senate on 12/13/2012 (Still awaiting report from members of the subcommittee)
- Convened a half-day retreat and follow-up meetings to discuss thematic GE pathways.
- Passed a policy for transfer students who have successfully completed a test placement of the GVAR on another campus be permitted to move directly into the WPJ. This policy is to be effective for a two-year trial period, through Spring 2016, at which time it will be reviewed.
- The Committee endorsed the Reading & Writing Subcommittee's proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Writing Programs proposed changes and recommended the proposal be sent on to the Curriculum Policies Committee.
- Approved two more GE variations for Engineering for Fall 2014.

#### **Summary of anticipated action in AY 2014/2015 of the GE/GRPC**

As Chair, I anticipate the following items will be carried out/discussed by the GE/GRPC in AY 2014/2015:

- A recommendation concerning revisions to Area A outcomes
- Convening Race/Ethnicity Stakeholders to begin revision of Race/Ethnicity Learning Outcomes
- A recommendation concerning FS 12/13-53a/FLR on a World Cultures and Global Awareness Requirement
- Discussions and a recommendation concerning competency examinations including, but not limited to: a Joint Presidential/Faculty Senate Taskforce on Competency/Challenge Examinations in U.S. Constitution, California State and Local Government and U.S. History
- Identify pilot program for GE Thematic pathways
- Working with Dean of Undergraduate Studies to ensure implementation of the GE Assessment Policy

#### **Concerns moving into AY 2014/2015**

As Chair, I would like to note a concern moving into AY 2014/2015:

- ASI Representation on the General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee. GE/GRPC has had sporadic representation from ASI over the last three Academic Years. GE/GRPC values ASI membership on the committee, as that is the representative student "voice" on GE/GR matters before they reach the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.