

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Wednesday May 5, 1982

2:30 p.m. SSC 107

AGENDA

1. General Education Program Proposal.

GENERAL EDUCATION PROPOSAL

(As approved by the Executive Committee on April 26, 1982)

PROGRAM TOTAL: 48 units minimum**

- I. BASIC SUBJECTS (3-9 units)
 - English Composition (3 units)
 - *Oral Communication (0-3 units)
 - *Critical Thinking (0-3 units)

*The Oral Communication and Critical Thinking requirements may be fulfilled by:

- (1) taking courses listed in the Basic Subjects Category; or
- (2) taking courses in other categories; or
- (3) meeting the requirements by examination, or by another especially approved course in a major outside G.E.

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- II. THE PHYSICAL UNIVERSE AND ITS LIFE FORMS (12 units minimum)
 - Quantitative Reasoning (3 units minimum)
 - Physical Sciences and Life Forms w/Laboratory Component (6 units minimum)

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- III. THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES (12 units minimum)
 - A. World Civilizations (3-6 units)¹
 - B. Arts, Humanities, Foreign Languages (6 unit minimum)

¹If only three units of World Civilizations are taken in Category III, additional three units of World Civilizations must be taken in Category IV.

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- IV. THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY (15 units minimum)
 - Foundations in Social Science* (3 unit minimum)
 - Major Social Issues (3 unit minimum)
 - World Civilizations (Cross Cultural) (0-3 units)¹
 - American Institutions (0-6 units)

*Requirements may be met by an approved special course in engineering economics.

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V. ELECTIVES (0-6 units)

**Majors in Accountancy will be required to take no more than 60 units in meeting the combined CSU and the present AICPA general education requirements.

ADVANCED STUDY:

Students must take 9 units of upper division, of which three units must be Advanced Study in the G.E. program.

The General Education Committee has adopted the following motions which may be included as guidelines in the new program if the Senate so rules:

- (1) The proposed review of BA and BS degrees should also include a review of required coursework mandated by accrediting associations.
- (2) Development committees should be established with representation from appropriate departments to offer help in designing and developing courses in such areas as Oral Communication, Critical Thinking, Advanced Study and World Civilizations.
- (3) If the General Education Program includes floating units, a course may apply to only two requirements in the General Education Program.



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ACADEMIC SENATE

May 3, 1982



TO: Members, Academic Senate

FROM: Alan D. Wade, Chair
Academic Senate

The attached General Education proposal was adopted by the Executive Committee on May 3, 1982. Please bring it with you to the Special Academic Senate meeting on May 5 at 2:30 p.m. in SSC 107.

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 - B. Arts, Humanities and
Foreign Languages (9 units minimum)

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- IV. THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY (9 UNITS MINIMUM)
- *Foundations in Social Science (3-6 units)
 - Major Social Issues of
the Contemporary Era (3 units)
 - World Civilizations
(Cross Cultural) (0-3 units)

*Requirements may be met by an approved special course in engineering economics.

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- V. UNDERSTANDING PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT* (3 UNITS)

*For engineering students only, this requirement may be met by double counting an approved course in the major.

VI. AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS (0-6 UNITS)

If the American Institutions requirement is satisfied by examination, units must be taken in Category IV to total 12 units in THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY.

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The following two resolutions were adopted by the Senate Executive Committee on May 3, 1982. Their aim is to set future directions for the implementation of the General Education program. Like the new program itself, they come to the Senate as seconded motions from the Executive Committee.

Whereas, The General Education Program is to be administered in the School of Arts and Sciences; and

Whereas, There is a need to integrate the course approval process for the General Education Program with the functioning of the A&S Curriculum Committee; be it

Resolved, That the Academic Senate, in Fall, 1982, shall review and recommend appropriate changes in the composition, charge and reporting relationship of the General Education Committee.

Whereas, The Academic Senate, on behalf of the faculty, is responsible for the development of the General Education Program; and

Whereas, The newly adopted General Education Program is incomplete in that it includes categories that were not defined in the 1980-82 Senate approved program; and

Whereas, The General Education Committee shall recommend to the Senate, through the Executive Committee, on any proposed change in a feature of the program which has been established by the University; be it

Resolved, That the Academic Senate shall refer the program to the General Education Committee for the Committee's recommendation of criteria for each of the categories; and be it further

Resolved, That the Academic Senate shall consider their recommendations in establishing criteria for each of the categories in a complete, Senate approved program.

