

**Faculty Senate Meeting
May 12, 2016**

Attachment: FS 15/16-163

To: The Faculty Senate
From: H. Reza Peigahi, Chair, General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee
Date: May 6, 2016
RE: AY 2015/2016 End of Year Report of the General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee

As determined by policy, the following constitutes the AY 2015/2016 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 2015/2016 General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee for their efforts this year. Substantive, and often difficult, matters were discussed throughout the year and I anticipate some of the Committee's efforts this year will take the form of legislation to the Faculty Senate in AY 2016/2017. 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 Altman – Nursing (Health and Human Services)
Nicole Buffard – Department of World Languages & Literatures (Arts & Letters)
Philip Flickinger – Department of Dance (Arts & Letters)
Andrew Hertzoff – Department of Government (Social Science and Interdisciplinary Studies)
Sue Holl – Mechanical Engineering (Engineering and Computer Science)
Dana Kivel – Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Administration (Health and Human Services)
Tom Krabacher – Geography Department (Natural Sciences & Mathematics)
Ravin Pan – Teacher Education Department (Education)
Reza Peigahi – Chair - University Library
Chris Taylor – Department of Physics and Astronomy (Natural Sciences and Mathematics)

Ex Officio Non-voting members:

Nicole Baptista – College of Continuing Education
Tucker Caruso – ASI Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mia Kagianas – ASI Director for Undeclared Students
Abraham Mendoza III – ASI Director of Health and Human Services
Sheree Meyer – Dean for Undergraduate Studies (Academic Affairs)

The General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee meets on First and Third Mondays from 3:00-4:30 PM in Sacramento Hall 161 and convened on the following dates.

Fall 2015	Spring 2016
September 21	February 1
October 5	February 15
October 19	March 7
November 2	April 4
November 16	April 18

Summary of Action in the AY 2015/2016 Faculty Senate

The following items were acted upon by the Faculty Senate in AY 2011/2012:

- FS 15/16-66/ GE/GRPC/EX General Education Program Policy, Minimum Grade Requirements for Area A and Subareas B-4, Revision Of
- FS 15/16-86/GE/GRPC/EX Writing and Reading Standing Rules, amendment of FS05-30.
- FS 15/16-66/ GE/GRPC/EX General Education Program Policy, Minimum Grade Requirements for Area A and Subareas B-4, Rescinding of FS 15/16-66/GEGRPC/EX

In addition, the Committee did the following:

- Reviewed and took to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee a recommendation for a Graduation Requirement in Global Inquiry
- Approved the Area C Assessment Plan
- Convened a workgroup to create learning outcomes for the United States History, Constitution, and American Ideals Graduation Requirement.
 1. Discussed and reviewed draft outcomes
 2. Referred draft outcomes to wider campus consultation.
- Met with representative of the Writing and Reading Subcommittee on the plan to create outcomes and assessment for writing requirements (Basic Composition, College Composition II, and Writing Intensive).
 1. Asked the Writing and Reading Subcommittee to continue working on the creation of outcomes for writing requirements.
- Consulted with the Dean for Undergraduate Studies on matters pertaining to 2nd Baccalaureate Students and the GVAR.
- Discussed the intersection of General Education and the ongoing topic of Graduation Rates with the Executive Director for Student Success Initiatives.
- The Chair and Dean for Undergraduate Studies drafted a brief item on GE Assessment for the Meaning, Quality, and Integrity of the Degree group working on the WASC self-study.

Summary of anticipated action in AY 2016/2017 of the GE/GRPC

As Chair, I anticipate the following items will be discussed by the GE/GRPC in AY 2016/2017

- Bring back to the Senate Executive Committee requested data on a Graduation Requirement in Global Inquiry
- Recommendations for Senate action on: United States History, Constitution, and American Ideals Graduation Requirement Learning Outcomes.
- Complete the drafting of Area A Learning Outcomes and bringing those to the Faculty in spring 2017.
- Discussions of thematic General Education pathways (lower- and upper-division) General Education pathways.
- Convening in fall 2016 of the next workgroup to investigate Learning Outcomes for existing Graduation Requirements.
- Review of the current General Education assessment plan.