Policy Recommendation
2.0 Graduation Requirement for the GE Portion of SJSU Studies (areas R, S, & V)

Whereas The SJSU Mission includes goals for both “In-depth knowledge of a major field of study” (corresponding to a major degree program) and “Broad understanding of the sciences, social sciences, humanities, and the arts” (corresponding to General Education); and

Whereas A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for every major and minor degree program; and

Whereas There is no comparable GPA minimum associated with the SJSU GE Program, except for grades of C or better in each of the four Basic Skills (Area A1, Oral Communication; Area A2, Written Communication I; Area A3, Critical Thinking; and Area B4, Mathematical Concepts); and

Whereas SJSU Studies (Areas R, S, and V) is the only part of the GE Program shared by students who enter SJSU as either freshmen or transfers; therefore, be it

Resolved That a minimum aggregate GPA of 2.0 in SJSU Studies (R, S, & V) shall be required of all students obtaining a first baccalaureate degree; and be it further
Resolved  That if more than one course is taken in any of the individual R, S, or V areas, then the highest grade in that individual area will be used to calculate the aggregate SJSU Studies GPA; and be it further

Resolved  That this policy is effective Fall 2011 for all SJSU students who do not have catalog rights prior to Fall 2011.

Approved by C&R: April 4, 2011 (11-0-0); with revisions April 25, 2011 (11-0-0)
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Financial Impact: No significant impact is anticipated
Workload Impact: No significant impact is anticipated once systems are in place for calculating the SJSU Studies GPA automatically

Recommendation of the Board of General Studies (with revisions) (5-0-0, February 24, 2011)