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**S11-3, Policy Recommendation, 2.0 Graduation Requirement
for the GE Portion of SJSU Studies (areas R, S, & V)**

Legislative History: Effective Fall 2011

At its meeting of May 2, 2011, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Heiden for the Curriculum and Research Committee.

**Action by University President: Approved by Interim President
Don W. Kassing on May 4, 2011**

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- 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)
Present: Peter Buzanski, Peggy Cabrera, Toni Campbell, Winncy Du, Lori Salazar, Dennis Jaehne, Pam Stacks, Wynn Schultz-Krohn, Annette Nellen, Lynda Heiden (Chair), Marc D'Alarco (April 4), Dominique VanHoff (April 25)

Absent: Dominique VanHoff (April 4); Marc D'Alarco (April 25)

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)