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S22-5, University Policy, Adoption of Guidelines for General Education (GE), American Institutions (AI), and the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)

Rescinds: University Policy S14-5

Legislative History:

On May 9, 2022, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator White for the Curriculum and Research Committee.

ACTION BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

**Signed and Approved by Interim
President Steve Perez on
June 1, 2022.**

University Policy:

Adoption of Guidelines for General Education (GE), American Institutions (AI), and the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)

Whereas: The current Guidelines for General Education (GE), American Institutions (AI), and the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) have not been updated or reviewed since they were approved in 2014; and

Whereas: To be compliant with CSU [General Education Breadth Requirements](#) (formerly called EO 1100), Curriculum and Research (C&R) recommended to the Academic Senate changes to Area D and creation of Area F effective Fall 2021 that were signed by the president; and

Whereas: Those changes allowed C&R to continue gathering feedback and incorporating changes where appropriate through Fall 2021 semester; and

- Whereas:** C&R [consulted extensively](#) over two years with many stakeholders (including hundreds of faculty, advisors, students, administrators, and others via a GE summit, and thirteen forums in Fall 2021 alone); therefore, be it
- Resolved:** That the attached GE Guidelines be adopted effective Fall 2022; and be it further
- Resolved:** That C&R is the body responsible for maintaining, updating, and interpreting the GE Guidelines. C&R shall be authorized to recommend changes to the GE Guidelines as needed. All recommended changes shall be presented on the Consent Calendar to the Academic Senate; and be it further
- Resolved:** That Section VII of University Policy S17-11 (Organization of the Program Planning Process at SJSU) will be revised to reflect modifications to GE Program assessment and continuing certification of GE courses. Annual assessment reports for General Education courses will no longer be collected at the university level beginning in Fall 2022.
- Resolved:** That the General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC), in consultation with the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, will begin recertification of all courses starting in Fall 2022 and completing all recertifications no later than Fall 2025 using ad hoc General Education Review Panels GRPs in accordance with [University Policy F15-13](#) ; and be it further
- Resolved:** That the General Education, American Institutions and Graduation Writing Assessment Requirements (GWAR) Guidelines shall undergo a full university review with submission of a program planning document that will be initiated by the General Education Advisory Committee beginning in AY 2030/31. Any recommended changes to the GE Guidelines shall be referred to C&R for deliberation.
- Rationale:** In the academic year 2016/17, SJSU's General Education Program was reviewed through the Program Planning Process and an action plan was developed in 2018 to review and update the program learning outcomes and develop more effective processes for assessment. An *ad hoc* committee was created to review and modify the program learning outcomes in the academic year 2018/19. These new learning outcomes were presented to the C&R Committee which, in conjunction with the Academic Senate Office, held two campus-wide General Education Summits in late Fall 2019 and early Spring 2020 to gather feedback on the program learning outcomes, the GE Area Learning Outcomes, and many other aspects of our GE Guidelines. These guidelines were also distributed in early Spring 2021 and C&R carefully reviewed all the feedback that was received. Thirteen additional forums were held in Fall 2021. This extensive community input was reviewed, summarized, and considered when creating the new GE Guidelines. Based upon consideration of the feedback that has been received by the Curriculum and Research Committee, these updated guidelines incorporate the creation of the new GE Area F (Ethnic Studies) with reduction of Area D to 6 units as well as changes to each GE

Area, the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (formerly known as Area Z on our campus), and the American Institutions Graduation Requirements.

Timeline and Implementation: All undergraduate students entering SJSU Fall 2022 and after will be subject to the 2022 GE Guidelines. According to CSU policy, continuing SJSU students and continuously enrolled California Community College transfer students can opt to adhere to the GE Guidelines aligned with their catalog rights.

Approved: May 5, 2022

Vote: 12-0-0

Present: Richard MocarSKI (seat A), Thalia Anagnos (seat B), Marc d'Alarcao (seat C), Gigi Smith (seat D), Faranak Memarzade (seat E), Cara Maffini (seat F), Katy Kao (seat G). Wei-Chien Lee (seat H), Sharmin Khan (seat I), Brandon White (seat J, chair), Marie Haverfield (seat K), Chloe Cramer (seat L)

Absent: None

Workload impact: There will be a temporary increase in workload for (1) faculty to update syllabi and curriculum to bring courses into compliance with the new GE Guidelines, (2) temporarily, faculty to switch from assessing GE ALOs (formerly known as GELOs) to PLOs, (3) the General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) and ad hoc General Education Review Panels created to help GEAC recertify courses to align with the new guidelines, and (4) staff to make changes to the online catalog, various websites, publications and PeopleSoft.