

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA

ACADEMIC SENATE

ELECTIONS AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Updated Charge of General Education Committee in Academic Senate Bylaws

Elections and Procedures Committee

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First Reading**

BACKGROUND:

The current charge of the General Education Committee in the Academic Senate Bylaws, Article IV Section 3F states that "The General Education Committee shall oversee the implementation of Executive Order 1033 in all of its specified and applied dimensions." However EO 1033 has been partly or entirely superseded by EO 1100 other EOs such as 1110 have or may in the future modify the CSU policies for general education.

The purpose of this referral is to request that Article IV Section 3F be revised so that it no longer refers to a specific Executive Order and will therefore not require an update to the Bylaws each time a new document from the Chancellor's Office affects CSU policies on general education.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

1) Individuals

- a) Laura Massa, Associate Vice President for Academic Programs, Cal Poly Pomona
- b) Keith Forward, Interim Director of Undergraduate Studies and General Education, Cal Poly Pomona
- c) Dennis Quinn, Chair, General Education Committee, Cal Poly Pomona Academic Senate

2) Documents

- a) The Bylaws of the Academic Senate of Cal Poly Pomona, 2019
- b) Chancellor's Office Executive Order, CSU General Education Breadth Requirements; Executive Order (EO) 1100, 2017
- c) Clarification of Policies on General Education Transfer; ASA-2016-18, 2016

DISCUSSION:

The referral suggests that the responsibilities of the GE Committee (as outlined in the Bylaws) should be defined without reference to any specific Chancellor's Office (CO) documents that describe GE policy. Instead, the GE Committee's responsibilities should be linked to whatever the current, though unspecified, CO directives are. This obviates the necessity of changing the Bylaws as CO directives drift over the years.

Though the Bylaws are currently up to date with respect to the specific CO directives governing GEs and will likely be for some time, we appreciate the wisdom of this proposal in attempting to mediate the difficulties.

The Bylaws currently state in article IV, section 3 that

(E) The General Education Committee shall:

- (1) Oversee the implementation of Executive Order 1100 (revised) in all of its specified and applied dimensions.
- (2) Oversee the implementation of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona's American Cultural Perspectives requirement.

We suggest changing this to read

(E) The General Education Committee shall:

- (1) Oversee the implementation of all Executive Orders in force related to general education in all of their specified and applied dimensions, except where local exceptions have been obtained.
- (2) Oversee the implementation of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona's American Cultural Perspectives requirement.

We are also aware that a statewide implementation of an ethnic studies requirement may obviate the necessity of the local cultural perspectives requirement in subsection (2) and are prepared to act in the event that this requirement is modified.

RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed revised language in the bylaws is attached.