

## Curriculum Committee Report

This spring semester the Curriculum Committee has been focused on some policy/procedure items in addition to reviewing course and program proposals.

### Recommendation of revised local GE Pattern to Academic Senate

The Curriculum Committee has recommended that the Academic Senate approve a revision to the local GE pattern to bring it into alignment with the CalGETC unified GE pattern that will be implemented in 2025-26. A [document](#) showing the ASCCC proposed pattern for local AA/AS degree GE alongside the Curriculum Committee's recommendation has been presented to the Academic Senate and is open for comment. If approved by the Academic Senate it will be implemented 2024-25 and will provide AA/AS students with a GE pattern that is largely a subset of the CalGETC GE pattern. This will make it easier for students who change goals and majors.

### A Variety of Administrative Procedures

The curriculum committee has (or will have by 4/20 meeting) the following items for discussion and there is a subcommittee that is working on preparing language for the appropriate APs.

- **Catalog Rights**—Our AP is more stringent than the CSUs and many other colleges. Students lose catalog rights if they miss even one semester of enrollment. CSU and other colleges extend that time to one year.
- **Academic Renewal**—Our AP is more stringent than many other colleges, requiring students to demonstrate extenuating circumstances in order to be eligible.
- **Grade Alleviation**—Our current form doesn't allow the use of courses taken at other colleges. We have no AP that describes this process. Other colleges allow courses at other colleges to provide grade alleviation for D and F grades.
- **Course Substitutions for All Degrees/Certificates**—We don't currently have a practice of allowing course substitutions for ADTs, the Liberal Arts degrees, and the General Studies degrees. Regulation allows for course substitutions for all of these programs and our AP could reflect that and describe the process.
- **GE Reciprocity**—we want to review and be sure we have a clear written procedure for using GE courses at other colleges to meet our GE requirements.
- **Course Waivers and Substitutions for Students with Verified Disabilities**—This is allowed by regulation and our current AP is very general and provides little direction or explanation of the procedure. Other colleges have clear procedures described in their APs.

The subcommittee will bring proposed language for a second reading and recommendation for action by the Academic Senate.

### ESL is now ENGM

The department formerly known as English as a Second Language is now known as English for Multilingual Speakers. This change is an important shift from language with a deficit mindset to language that celebrates the abilities of our students. This aligns with the guidance from the CCCCO that ESL is language acquisition not basic skills. In addition, the ENGM faculty have revised their entire sequence, mirrored every credit course with a noncredit course, and created noncredit Certificates of Competency for students taking noncredit ENGM courses. These courses and programs will be available Fall 2023.