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MEMORANDUM

TO: CSU Presidents 

FROM: Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: General Education Policy Supporting Student Success and Equity in Achievement

Following systemwide California State University (CSU) discussions about the *Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) Quantitative Reasoning Task Force Report* and recommendations, it has become clear that the CSU embraces the value principle that policy should facilitate equitable access and equitable opportunities for all students to achieve academic success. As we consider integrating aspects of the task force report recommendations into Executive Order (EO) 1100 *General Education Breadth Requirements*, we ask for review and advice from your campuses on how we can reshape our general education policy in this spirit of centering equity and student success in all we do.

We seek your input on how EO 1100 General Education Breadth Requirements could be revised to: (1) achieve better clarity; (2) ensure equitable treatment of and opportunities for our students, including transfer students and first-time freshmen; and (3) streamline graduation requirements. Enclosed is a campus feedback form that requests your advice regarding each of the main sections of EO 1100:

- Applicability of the policy
- Pathways to fulfillment of general education requirements
- Premises of CSU General Education Breadth
- Distribution of General Education Breadth units
- Transfer and articulation
- Implementation and governance

In our review of feedback and as we develop future policy language, we will focus on maintaining rigor and academic quality while identifying ways to ensure that every student has an equitable chance of successfully completing a CSU baccalaureate. While we are conducting this consultative work, the ASCSU General Education Task Force will be undertaking a study that may also result in recommendations for amending EO 1100. That feedback will provide a perspective in this systemwide effort.

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By May 12, 2017, we ask for campus advice on each of the areas identified in the attached response form. Campus feedback may be submitted on separate forms—by the faculty senate, students, and administration—or as one unified and signed report. Please send Word versions and PDF signed copies of your responses to feedback@calstate.edu. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Christine Mallon, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Programs and Faculty Development. Chris may be reached at cmallon@calstate.edu or (562) 951-4672.

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Enclosures

c: CSU Trustees
Academic Senate, CSU
Chancellor's General Education Advisory Committee
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CSU Articulation Officers
CSU Transfer Center Directors

CSU Campus GE Policy Feedback Form

Please Reply by 5/12/17

Campus: _____

Please check as applicable for your campus. This is a:

- ☐ Faculty-only response
- ☐ Student-only response
- ☐ Administration-only response
- ☐ All-campus response

Campus Feedback on Executive Order 1100—General Education Breadth Requirements

The Chancellor's Office invites campus input about how EO 1100 General Education Breadth Requirements could be revised to: (1) achieve better clarity; (2) ensure equitable treatment of our students, including transfer students and first-time freshmen; and (3) streamline graduation requirements. From each of the six sections of EO 1100, we ask for your advice regarding following:

- Applicability of the policy (Article 1, page 1),
- Pathways to fulfillment of general education requirements (Article 2, page 2),
- Premises of CSU General Education Breadth (Article 3, page 5),
- Distribution of General Education Breadth units (Article 4, page 7),
- Transfer and articulation (Article 5, page 9),
- Implementation and governance (Article 6, page 17).

Please reply to feedback@calstate.edu by Friday, May 12, 2017.

Applicability of the policy (Article 1, page 1)

Improve clarity for students, faculty and advisors
Ensure equitable treatment of and opportunities for our students, including first-time freshman and transfer students
Streamline graduation requirements
Other

Pathways to fulfillment of general education requirements (Article 2, page 2)

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Streamline graduation requirements

Other

Premises of CSU General Education Breadth (Article 3, page 5)

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Distribution of General Education Breadth units (Article 4, page 7)

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Other

Other advice

Submitted by _____ Date _____