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S12-9, Policy Recommendation, Temporary Suspension of Enforcement of the Requirement that Students must Enroll in Courses for Areas R, S, and V in SJSU Studies in three different departments

Legislative History:

At its meeting of May 14, 2012, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Bros-Seemann for the Curriculum and Research Committee.

**Action by University President: Approved by President Qayoumi
on June 12, 2012**

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Whereas we believe there should be breadth in our general education SJSU Studies program for the liberal education of our students, consistent with (1) the University Mission Statement, (2) CSU Executive Order 1065, and (3) SS-S05-5; and

Whereas the 2005 revision to the GE Guidelines included (page 7), under the heading of Breadth, the statement “Courses taken to satisfy SJSU Studies Areas R, S, and V must be from three different departments”; and

Whereas many SJSU Studies courses are cross-listed among departments, students are signing up for courses with prefixes from different departments but are actually being taught by members of the same department thereby violating the spirit of the requirement; and

Whereas it is virtually impossible to determine if students are meeting the requirement through cross-listing or by actually taking courses in different disciplines, thereby making it impossible to fairly enforce the policies; and

