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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)

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

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:

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