

**Second Reading Item**

**EPC/FPC 13-11**

**Resolution Revising the Designation and Administration of Upper Division General Education Courses  
to Include Department-Based Courses**

**MSP 11/20/13**

**WHEREAS:** Smaller departments and programs, in particular the departments and programs housed in the Division of World Cultural and Gender Studies, faced a historical threat to program elimination;

**WHEREAS:** The General Education Committee recommended to the Academic Senate in May 2010 to transfer FTEs to the departments that contributed the courses while maintaining the GE prefix's of SMT, HUM and SBS;

**WHEREAS:** The administration has informed us that transferring FTES and maintaining the original prefix is problematic to do;

**RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of California State University Dominguez Hills (ASCSUDH) recommend that, effective fall 2014, fulfillment of Upper Division General Education (UDGE) Integrative Studies (Area F—including F1, F2, F3, and F4) may be achieved by students taking approved courses with department prefixes as well as with courses bearing HUM, SBS, and SMT prefixes; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the department's currently contributing faculty to teach in area F shall be permitted to offer established courses with new department prefixes after an expedited curriculum review process.

**RESOLVED:** That the ASCSUDH recommend that the current system of specialized faculty coordinators and committees be retained to insure the required integrative nature of UDGE courses; to assess the quality and rigor of courses proposed for inclusion in the UDGE; to co- create with the relevant department chair a schedule that is responsive to student, faculty, and department needs; and to allot courses fairly to department-based as well as adjunct faculty who have the requisite academic credentials; and be in further

**RESOLVED:** That effective Fall 2014 the following steps will be implemented to avoid confusion for students during this transition. These steps will include

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- a complete listing of courses that satisfy specific upper division general education requirements will be posted on the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs web sites (for an example see the following
- courses will be identified as satisfying specific upper division general education requirements in the Schedule of Classes , PeopleSoft student advising modules, and the University Catalog; and,
- course syllabi will clearly identify that the course meets an upper division requirement.<sup>1</sup>; and be it further,

**RESOLVED:** That matters concerning the rights of lecturers regarding continued appointment, salary, evaluation, and other employment considerations will be resolved by the affected faculty member, Academic Affairs, and the California Faculty Association with the objective to minimize the likely negative impact on lecturers.

**RESOLVED:** That courses satisfying upper division general education requirements will undergo regular review by the General Education committee and the **HUM, SBS, SMT** subcommittees of the General Education Committee, as well as by department, college and University curriculum committees. New courses may be proposed and will be evaluated by department and college curriculum committees, University Curriculum Committee, the General Education Committee, and the **HUM, SBS, SMT** subcommittees. Curriculum evaluation will consider, among other factors, whether proposed courses address the stated objectives of upper division integrative studies.

**RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU advise that an ad hoc committee, comprised at minimum of UDGE coordinators, the ASCSUDH senate chair or designee, an administrator from Academic Affairs, the senate representative to GE, a technology advisor, one administrator each from the College of Arts and Humanities and the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, a CFA representative, and a representative from ASI, be convened to develop a workable plan to achieve these outcomes; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the ad hoc committee present a plan to the ASCSUDH by February 19, 2014 to insure a fall 2014 implementation.

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<sup>1</sup> A possible model is “BIO 390: Ichthyology for the Average Person” (formerly SMT 310: Ichthyology for the Average Person); this course meets the upper division general education requirement of Integrative Studies in the Natural Sciences



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