

EPC 17-21 Revision of the General Education Committee Charge
General Education Committee
(Supersedes EPC 15-04)
M/S/P February 28, 2018

RESOLVED: The Academic Senate of California State University Dominguez Hills (ASCSUDH) is responsible for establishing and revising campus policy regarding the General Education program at CSUDH; and be it further,

RESOLVED: The General Education Committee (GEC), as a standing committee of the ASCSUDH, provides “appropriate oversight and makes appropriate recommendations concerning the implementation, conduct and evaluation of these requirements.”¹; and be it further,

RESOLVED: The GEC reviews course proposals and makes recommendations for inclusion in the General Education program, including the addition or removal of specific course offerings; conducts ongoing program review and assessment in accordance with campus policies; and implements General Education policies as determined by the State of California Code of Education, Executive Orders issued by the Office of the Chancellor of the California State University, and resolutions by the ASCSUDH; and be it further,

RESOLVED: The membership of the GEC shall be comprised as follows:

9 Voting Members:

2 appointments from the ASCSUDH

1 Student representative appointed from Associated Students Inc.

1 Faculty representative elected by faculty from the library and by faculty from each of the following colleges: the College of Arts and Humanities; the College of Business Administration and Public Policy; the College of Education; the College of Health, Human Services and Nursing; and the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences. Faculty that are elected from each college should have primary responsibilities in an undergraduate level program.

3 Ex-officio (non-voting) Members:

1 representative appointed from the University Advising Center

1 representative appointed from the Office of the Registrar

Dean Undergraduate Studies

Staff support will be provided by Academic Programs; and be it further,

RESOLVED: To maintain continuity in recommendations, all terms of service will be staggered and members will serve for a period of two academic years. A faculty member elected by the committee members will serve as

¹ CO Executive Order 1100 retrieved on 1/29/18 from <http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-1100-rev-8-23-17.html>

chair for a one-year term that may be renewed and will be compensated by three units per semester of reassigned time; and be it further,

RESOLVED: Should the committee be unable to elect a chair, the Academic Senate Chair, after consultation with the Academic Senate, shall appoint a faculty member to serve as GEC chair; the appointed GEC chair will have voting rights on the committee and shall serve in the appointed role for a maximum period of one year ; and be it further,

RESOLVED: the Chair of the GEC reports to the ASCSUDH annually and at the request of the Academic Senate Chair; and be it further,

RESOLVED: While recommendations of the GEC are normally final, proposers may appeal a GEC recommendation to the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) for adjudication; further action beyond EPC shall follow ASCSUDH procedures; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That the GEC meetings shall be scheduled from 10 am to 12 pm on second and fourth Mondays of every month of the Academic Year.

RESOLVED: That this resolution be distributed to the Chair of the General Education Committee, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and Provost Spagna.

RATIONALE:

The GEC suggested the revised charge after consultation requested at the Academic Senate Retreat held on August 30, 2017 and from in depth committee meeting discussions aimed at addressing ongoing committee concerns.

The changes included in this resolution clarify the charge of the committee, are reflective of the removal of General Education subcommittees, and to make the resolution more concise. This revised charge reduces the total number of voting representatives from 13 to 9 and reduces the number of non-voting members from 5 to 3. The GEC considers that the revised charge will assist the committee in achieving consistent quorums during regular meetings. Achieving quorums during regular meetings has been an ongoing issue for the GEC.

The present resolution has removed 3 area studies representatives from the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences and the College of Arts and Humanities. The removal of these representatives is in response to the need for a reduction in committee membership and in order to achieve a balanced representation of voting member constituencies. The GEC has stated that the current membership composition has often left them in situations where the majority of voting members present at meetings represented only two colleges. The GEC considers that the removal of the above mentioned representatives will not impact the review capabilities of the committee. The GEC considers that the open process of curriculum review and the open nature of their committee meetings ensures fair opportunities for responses from interested campus constituents.