



Resolution on the Separation of Cal-GETC and CSU GE Breadth

WHEREAS the San Diego State University Senate (SDSU Senate) previously expressed its opposition to “any conflation of CSU GE changes or extension of the legal requirement beyond transfer students, because [AB 928](#)¹ is silent on CSU first-time, first-year students (freshmen) and GE/campus GE (CSU GE)”²; and

WHEREAS the SDSU Senate is concerned that the CSU faculty has not been widely consulted about potential changes to CSU GE even though curriculum matters are in the purview of faculty as expressed in [HEERA](#)³, be it

RESOLVED that the SDSU Senate urge the Board of Trustees (BoT) to respect the clearly stated position of the faculty that CSU GE be not changed at the present time and not until the faculty has approved any curricular changes to CSU GE; and be it further

RESOLVED that the SDSU Senate request that a decision to change CSU GE be delayed until robust consultation with faculty via their respective Senates take place; and be it further

RESOLVED that the SDSU Senate request that a rigorous, data-driven analysis conducted by faculty drive the decision about changes pertinent to lower-division CSU GE; and be it further

RESOLVED that the SDSU Senate distribute this resolution to:

CSU Board of Trustees
CSU Chancellor Mildred Garcia
CSU Deputy Vice Chancellor Nathan Evans
Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU)
Council of CSU Senate Chairs
California State Student Association (CSSA)
SDSU President Adela de la Torre
SDSU Interim Provost William Tong
SDSU Associated Students

Rationale

Changes are needed to the California Code of Regulations, Title 5 (Education), in response to Assembly Bill (AB) 928 to create a singular lower division general education transfer pathway from the California Community College (CCC) to both the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC). Such changes need to be approved by the CSU Board of Trustees and have been presented by the Chancellor’s Office to the Board of Trustees at their January meeting as an information item and will be voted on at the March meeting.

Based on AB 928, the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) developed the

Standards for the new California GE Transfer Curriculum ([Cal-GETC](#)). Cal-GETC was

¹ AB 928 – Assembly Bill 928 stating that a singular pathway be secured for transfer students from California Community Colleges to both the California State University and the University of California.²“[Resolution of the San Diego State University Senate: Feedback on the Adoption of the California General Education Transfer Curriculum \(Cal-GETC\) to Succeed IGETC](#)” approved by SDSU Senate on November 1, 2022. ³ Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act

developed by ICAS, a body that includes all three segments of California’s educational system (CCC, CSU, and UC). CSU GE, on the other hand, is under the purview of its own faculty.

An SDSU Senate resolution passed on November 1, 2022 “acknowledges the assurances from the Chancellor’s Office that [CSU] GE will be treated as a separate issue from AB 928 because it is not included in the legislation”⁴ expressed in an email to the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) Chair, Beth Steffel, by Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) Sylvia Alva on October 7, 2022, and shared with Senate Chairs on all 23 campuses⁵.

The General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) charged by and reporting to the Chancellor (made up of Senate representatives and articulation officers from the Community Colleges as well as CSU faculty and administrators) made its [recommendations](#) to Chancellor Garcia’s report to the Board of Trustees in January 2024 asking (1) that Cal-GETC and CSU GE be treated and discussed separately; (2) that changes to CSU GE be not on a timeline acknowledging that the administration of the new transfer pathway (Cal-GETC) required by law (AB928) is on a timeline (Fall 2025); and (3) that Title 5 changes to CSU GE reflect a curricular change hence in the purview of CSU faculty. None of these requests were acknowledged and/or reported further.

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⁴“[Resolution of the San Diego State University Senate: Feedback on the Adoption of the California General Education Transfer Curriculum \(Cal-GETC\) to Succeed IGETC](#)” approved by SDSUS on November 1, 2022.⁵“I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you – and all senate leaders and faculty – that this question [whether to align Cal-GETC with CSU GE change] has by no means been decided by the Chancellor’s Office, and instead it will be the topic of important discussions to come.”