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TO: ICAS

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Chair of Special Committee on AB 928

SUBJECT: Recommendation on a singular GE transfer pathway

The Special Committee on AB 928 met three times to discuss the singular general education (GE) transfer pathway. After considering several options and patterns, the group came to consensus on a pattern that it believes satisfies the legislation's requirements for both a clear and transparent singular pathway, and maintaining at 34 the total units required to complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC). The recommendation is best understood by the attached chart.

For purposes of quick summary, the new pathway pattern recommended to ICAS requires the following:

- UC will accept Oral Communication as a new (third) course in Area 1 – English Communication.
- The CCC will revise and strengthen courses fulfilling the Oral Communication subject requirement to meet new core competencies.
- The number of courses required in Area 3 – Arts and Humanities will decrease from three to two (one in Arts, one in Humanities).
- UC will remove its Language Other than English proficiency requirement from IGETC and treat it as a graduation requirement.
- CSU will remove its Lifelong Learning and Self-Development course from IGETC and treat it as an upper-division requirement.

Note that the pattern includes a forthcoming new Area 7 – Ethnic Studies requirement. The UC Academic Senate recently approved this requirement, proposing to accommodate it within IGETC by reducing from three to two courses required in Area 4 – Social and Behavioral Sciences. It is anticipated that a final vote to approve Area 7 – Ethnic Studies for the CSU will occur at the March 2022 CSU Board of Trustees meeting.

These recommendations come with full support of the Special Committee members, following careful deliberation as well as a commitment to strong GE preparation for successful CCC student transfer to UC and CSU.

IGETC Area		Subject	Proposed GE Pattern	UC 7-course pattern	CSU GE-Breadth
1	1A	English Composition	1 course (3 units)	2 English courses 1B = writing intensive	Area A – 3 courses English Language Communication & Critical Thinking Golden 4 (Oral Communication, Written Communication, Critical Thinking)
	1B	Critical Thinking & Composition	1 course (3 units)		
	1C*	Oral Communication (*currently CSU only)	1 course (3 units)		
2	2A	Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	1 course (3 units)	1 mathematical concepts course	Area B – see below Golden 4 (Mathematics/ Quantitative Reasoning)
3	3A	Arts (1 course required)	2 courses (6 units)	4 additional UC-transferable courses chosen from at least 2 of the following subject areas: Arts & Humanities Social & Behavioral Sciences Physical & Biological Sciences	Area C – 3 courses Arts & Humanities
	3B	Humanities (1 course required)			
4	4	Social & Behavioral Sciences	2 courses (6 units)		Area D – 2 courses Social Sciences
5	5A	Physical Science	1 course (3 units)		Area B – 3 courses (4 courses if independent lab is completed) Scientific Inquiry & Quantitative Reasoning
	5B	Biological Science	1 course (3 units)		
	5C	Laboratory (for Bio/Phys Sci course)	(1 unit)		
N/A	N/A	Lifelong Learning & Self-Development			Area E – 1 course Lifelong Learning & Self-Development
6	6A**	Language Other Than English (LOTE) (**currently UC only, carries no units)			
7	7	Ethnic Studies	1 course (3 units)		Area F – 1 course Ethnic Studies
TOTAL			11 courses 34 units	7 courses	13 courses