

ACADEMIC SENATE  
of  
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

RESOLUTION ON GENERAL EDUCATION AND BREADTH REVIEW PROCEDURES

Background: The Academic Senate has established procedures which require that proposals to change the General Education and Breadth (GE&B) program be sent to the GE&B Committee which then refers the proposals to the appropriate distribution area subcommittee which then makes a recommendation back to the GE&B Committee. The GE&B Committee then forwards the subcommittee report along with its own recommendation to the full Academic Senate for final disposition. This is the first year that these procedures have been in effect and the whole process has proven to be excessively slow. Many proposals which were referred to subcommittees in September of 1984 had still not been sent back as of May of 1985.

Needless to say, this inefficiency brings havoc during curriculum review years when any GE&B changes for the next catalog must be acted upon by the GE&B Committee and then the Senate in May. Even in years when the curriculum is not being reviewed problems will arise since proposals may be sent from a subcommittee back to the GE&B Committee so late in the year that the GE&B Committee will have no recourse but to refer the matter on to the next year's GE&B Committee which may have a completely different membership and which may require clarification from the subcommittee whose membership may have changed as well. Moreover, the GE&B Committee may dispose of a matter in May or June that can't be taken up by the full Senate until the next year at which time the proposal will have to be carried on the Senate floor by a GE&B Committee whose members were not involved in the deliberations of the previous year's Committee.

Given all of this, the GE&B Committee recommends that the timetable stated below be enforced along with the other provisions stated in the ~~same~~ other resolved clauses. Such would help guarantee a continuity of review.

WHEREAS, The current GE&B review process has proven to be inefficient; and

WHEREAS, This inefficiency can be remedied by establishing a timetable that would require timely referral of proposals to change the GE&B program from one level of review to the next; be it therefore

RESOLVED: That the following timetable be established:

- October 1: Deadline for submission of proposals to change GE&B courses or requirements to the GE&B Committee via the office of the Academic Senate;
- January 15: Deadline for submission of all recommendations from the distribution area subcommittees to the GE&B Committee on all matters referred to those subcommittees;
- April 15: Deadline for submission of all recommendations from the GE&B Committee to the office of the Academic Senate on all matters referred to that Committee;

and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That if any subcommittee fails to meet the January 15 deadline on any item of business referred to it, then the GE & B Committee may take up that item without a recommendation from the subcommittee; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That if the GE & B Committee fails to meet the April 15 deadline on any item of business referred to it then the Academic Senate may take up that item without a recommendation from the GE & B Committee; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That for the 1984-85 academic year, if any subcommittee fails to make a recommendation on any item of business within one month of the date it was referred to that subcommittee, then the GE & B Committee may take up that item of business without a recommendation from the subcommittee; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the above timetable will be publicized through the Office of the Provost.