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Subject: Re: University Studies Major

Deanna:

Sorry for the delay--the "holiday" is the first chance I have to catch up and do necessary research! In response to your question, the ASCCC resolution is *related* to this issue. But the resolution wasn't the *cause* of the latest upheaval--particularly for my college; the jostling began last academic year, prior to the session. Our college had had such a degree, wanted simply to change its name from "general studies" or liberal studies (which is too often confused here in the south with teacher preparation/education). We sent the materials to the state as required and were then denied, along with a handful of other colleges, as I understand. At any rate, the system office realizes there are fundamental inconsistencies in Title 5 and in the application thereof, hence the need to make the changes.

The ASCCC resolution below is, instead, a statement about a philosophical position. Hope that adds a little clarity.

--Kate

13.02 Opposition to Associate Degrees based Solely on IGETC and CSU GE Breadth

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Topic: General Concerns

Whereas, Title 5 requires "At least 18 semester or 27 quarter units of study taken in a single discipline or related disciplines" (§55806) to provide an area of emphasis for the associate degree, and an associate degree without this area of emphasis devalues the concept of the associate degree;

Whereas, Many in the field have expressed that the associate degree needs to be used to capture numbers, further devaluing the degree;

Whereas, The use of IGETC and/or CSU GE Breadth as the sole basis for the associate degree reduces local control and subjects the associate degree to determination by groups external to the community colleges; and

Whereas, The use of IGETC and/or CSU GE Breadth in fulfillment of local general education requirements together with necessary units in an area of focus is clearly consistent with Title 5 and is not the issue under consideration here;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges oppose the use of IGETC and/or CSU GE Breadth as the sole basis for the area of emphasis for the associate degree; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support interpretation of Title 5 that prohibits the use of IGETC and/or CSU GE Breadth as the sole basis for the area of emphasis for the associate degree.

MSC Disposition: ICAS, Local Senates, System Office

Assigned to: President, SACC Representatives

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Subject: Re: University Studies Major

Thanks, Kate, this is really good to know. On a related note, last semester our college Academic Senate president talked about a CCC AS resolution about the validity of associate degrees based solely on IGETC or CSU GE. Is that connected to this transfer degree issue?

Deanna

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Yes, it was I again.... It's a longer story, but here's the upshot: "Transfer degrees" or "university studies" degrees that do not have a defined 18 unit major or group of related classes are not allowed. Colleges offering those degrees will be asked to withdraw them, phasing them out in coming years (at least no earlier than Fall 2009). Subsequent to our Regional Rep meeting, I had a conversation with John Nixon, the co-chair of the System Advisory Committee on Curriculum. He said they hoped to have revised Title 5 language out this spring, and a revision of the Curriculum Handbook out next Fall. It is best to watch for this information from sources more official than I. There is more opportunity for comment and feedback once the official Title 5 language is issued--colleges all get the proposed language and notices of opportunity for feedback. There will probably be more about this new direction all spring--At the CIO/CSSO conference in March, at the ASCCC Plenary Session in April, certainly at the Curriculum Institute this summer..and maybe something at CIAC, if we can get it in writing.

As soon as I receive a copy, I'll forward it on. Joanne and Chris can probably help us watch for any proposed change as well.

Kate

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