



C. Resolution 99.10.3 re: General Education Guidelines – R. Chagnon

Be it therefore resolved that the Mesa College Academic Senate recommends that the Curriculum Instructional Council use the existing SDCCD General Education Course Guidelines to determine if a new or existing course be considered a District general education course, that a course's transferability be determined separately, and that the Mesa Academic Affairs Committee report (see below) be used as a guideline for this process.

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**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT: A REVIEW OF SDCCD GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE GUIDELINES**

The 1998 San Diego Mesa College Self-Study Report and the June 19, 1998, Evaluation Report from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) recommend that Mesa College "in cooperation with the District review the general education program to assure that the requirements are appropriate." The Mesa College Academic Affairs and Curriculum Review Committees have reviewed the suggested General Education (G. E.) criteria offered by District's Curriculum Instructional Council, sections of Title V relative to the issue, and current district procedures. The Mesa College Academic Affairs recommends:

- 1. In order to determine if a proposed or existing course should be considered a District General Education Course:**
 - **The course must meet criteria for Title V section 55805.5 - Types of Courses Appropriate to the Associate Degree. (see attached)**
***Note: appropriate courses need to meet only one of the five criteria listed.**
 - **The course must meet the SDCCD General Education Course Guidelines [Procedure 5300.2] (see attached)**
 - * **This document is based on Title V section 55806 - Minimum Requirements for the Associate Degree.**
 - * **It is recommended that this document be reformatted with areas B, C, and D rewritten in "Bullet" form for greater clarity.**
- 2. A course's transferability should not be a factor in determining District G. E. courses.**
 - **Limiting the courses offered as G.E. courses goes against the philosophy and rationale of general education as stated in Procedure 5300.2: "The general education program at the colleges in the San Diego Community College District is designed to broaden students' knowledge...." In addition, it is necessary that District G. E. serve both transfer and vocational students.**
 - **Determining SDCCD's General Education courses exclusively on the basis of another college's G.E. offerings negates the role and responsibility of the SDCCD faculty in curriculum. SDCCD faculty should be encouraged to recommend courses to CSU and UC for inclusion on their G.E course list.**

3. **A mechanism should be created for the College Catalog to assist students in determining whether classes are transferable as G.E. courses or transferable as electives. For example, bold face District G.E. courses that do not transfer.**
4. **SDCCD General Education Course Guidelines [Procedure 5300.2] be included in the College Catalog.**

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In establishing or modifying a general education program, ways shall be sought to create coherence and integration among the separate requirements. It is also desirable that general education programs involve students actively in examining values inherent in proposed solutions to major social problems.

(b) The governing board of a community college district shall also establish criteria to determine which courses may be used in implementing its philosophy on the associate degree and general education.

(c) The governing board of a community college district shall, on a regular basis, review the policy and criteria established pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

§ 55805.5. Types of Courses Appropriate to the Associate Degree

The criteria established by the governing board of a community college district to implement its philosophy on the associate degree shall permit only courses that conform to the standards specified in Section 55002(a) and that fall into the following categories to be offered for associate degree credit:

(a) All lower division courses accepted toward the baccalaureate degree by the California State University or University of California or designed to be offered for transfer.

(b) Courses that apply to the major in non-baccalaureate occupational fields.

(c) English courses not more than one level below the first transfer level composition course, typically known as English 1A. Each student may count only one such course as credit toward the associate degree.

(d) All mathematical courses above and including Elementary Algebra.

(e) Credit courses in English and mathematics taught in or on behalf of other departments and which, as determined by the local governing board, require entrance skills at a level equivalent to those necessary for the courses specified in subsection (c) and (d) above.

Amended effective 4-5-91.

ACCCA LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXCELLENCE
LYNN NEAULT

WHEREAS, Lynn Neault has been an advocate for students in the San Diego Community College District since 1980, and

WHEREAS, Lynn Neault's leadership has resulted in monumental improvements for students such as ClassTalk, a model phone registration system and Gradeline, student access to grades by phone, and

WHEREAS, Lynn's daily work involves contact with Trustees, the Chancellor, Presidents, Vice Presidents, Academic Senates and the United Student Council, and

WHEREAS, her commitment to students, her excellent administrative skills and her ability to work with all levels of the San Diego Community College District and the greater community,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Mesa College Academic Senate endorses Lynn Neault for the ACCCA Leadership Award for Administrative Excellence.

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