



College of Liberal Arts Student Council

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TITLE: Resolution in Opposition to the General Education Policy 08-00
Revisions to Category C2

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- Whereas,** the Association of American Colleges & Universities notes, General Education is a critical component of a “high quality education that develops intellectual and ethical capacities; expands cultural, societal, and scientific horizons; cultivates democratic and global knowledge and engagement, and prepares graduates for successful participation in a dynamic and rapidly evolving economy”¹; and
- Whereas,** the study of the various humanities are crucial in helping students develop a working knowledge of the world and the surrounding issues and challenges facing all of us; and
- Whereas,** the proposed revisions would require students to complete “at least six units in the Humanities from two different disciplines (as demarcated by prefix)”, effectively erasing the adherence to the categories of Literature (C.2.a.), Philosophy (C.2.b.), and Foreign Language (C.2.c.); and
- Whereas,** the opportunity costs of the proposed revisions do not adequately support the claim that they will help simplify the general education policy for undergraduate students; and
- Whereas,** the proposed revisions once enacted will jeopardize the availability and student enrollment demands for these designated courses, ultimately endangering smaller departments and programs who depend on the enrollment of general education courses; and
- Whereas,** the proposed revisions once enacted will further diminish the role of a broad, foundational liberal arts education and reduce the quality of education that students will receive at California State University, Long Beach; therefore, be it

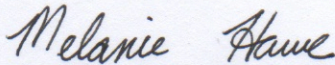
¹ http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/registration/ge_courses/index.html

Resolved, that the College of Liberal Arts Student Council hereby strongly opposes the General Education Policy 08-00 Revisions presented to the Academic Senate of California State University, Long Beach; and

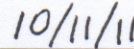
Resolved, that the College of Liberal Arts Student Council urges the Academic Senate of California State University, Long Beach to keep the current structure of General Education intact to preserve quality education for the students of the University.

Resolved, that copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the President of the Associated Students; the Vice-President and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Associated Students; the ASI Secretary of Academic Affairs; The Presidents of the CSULB Academic College Councils; the Chair of the Academic Senate; the General Education Governing Committee (GEGC); the Curriculum and Educational Policies Council (CEPC); the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; the Provost & Senior Vice-President of Academic Affairs; and distributed to relevant media outlets.

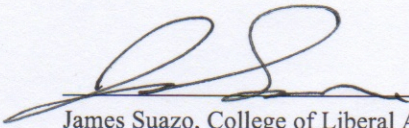
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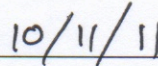
Melanie Hawe, College of Liberal Arts Student Council Secretary



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