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Dear Kim:

Thank you for the proposal to extend implementation of Executive Order 1100-Revised, *General Education Breadth Requirements* from fall 2018 to fall 2019. We appreciate the consultation that resulted in support of the proposal. We recognize some compelling issues on campus that lead us to support an extension for some elements of the CSU Stanislaus proposal. For example, we understand that the campus is in the process of recertifying more than 400 GE courses. However, many EO 1100-Revised policy changes address student-centered concerns that we will expect to be implemented by fall 2018. In formally granting an implementation extension, we wish to confirm the following expectations:

EO 1110 Requirements

CSU Stanislaus is making good progress and shall implement all EO 1110 requirements by fall 2018; the Early Start policy changes are required to be implemented by summer 2019.

EO 1100-Revised Requirements to be Implemented by Fall 2018

Student-Centered Priorities

Online modality, course articulation and transfer, C- minimum grades for the "Golden Four" basic skills courses, double counting, and offering sufficient Area A2 (written communication) and B4 (mathematics/quantitative reasoning) sections to enroll students in their first year of study.

Area D (Social Sciences)

We would like to offer a friendly suggestion for facilitating Area D implementation by fall 2018. This approach would require no change in total units required for graduation, no change to the number of sections offered, and will have no effect on students or on major preparation. The only change will be the label on the course, from "GE" to "Graduation Requirement" or similar designation. Specifically, to remedy the additional three units required in Area D (social science), we recommend making one of the two American Institutions courses (or another current Area D course) a non-GE, campus-graduation requirement. As a Title 5 requirement, American Institutions courses are outside system GE policy, so this change would fit with EO 1100 and Title 5 s. 40404.

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Remaining Requirements

All remaining policy elements are expected to be implemented by fall 2018, with exceptions specified below.

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Unit Compliance in Area E

In addition to working to achieve unit compliance by fall 2019, please consult with the campus attorney on the waiver of the 1-unit activity requirement for students over 25 years of age to ensure applicability based on a protected category.

Upper-Division Requirements

The fall 2018 freshman cohort will not qualify to take upper-division GE courses until, at earliest, their second year of enrollment. Community college transfer students governed under fall 2017 (and earlier) catalog rights will be entitled to finish the current CSU Stanislaus GE requirements. The campus may extend until fall 2019 implementation of the EO 1100-Revised requirements for upper-division Areas B, C and D distribution.

If you have questions, Dr. Christine Mallon, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs and Faculty Development, can be of assistance. Chris can be reached at <u>cmallon@calstate.edu</u> or (562) 951-4672.

Sincerely,

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