

## **Ad Hoc Committee on the Multicultural Requirement Charge and Membership**

### **Background**

To comply with expectations set forth in EO1100 (revised), in Spring 2018 the Academic Senate approved changes to the General Education program and to the Baccalaureate Degree Requirements. Among these changes, the “multicultural requirement” was moved from a requirement housed within the General Education program to a Baccalaureate Degree Requirement that may be completed within or outside of General Education. With the move, the General Education Subcommittee is no longer the appropriate body for reviewing and approving courses for “multicultural” designation, and a new process for conducting this review must be developed.

Throughout discussions of ways to comply with EO1100 (revised), there was widespread and unquestioned support for maintaining some form of multicultural coursework as a required component of the Baccalaureate Degree Requirements. As we affirmed this support, in many settings including open forums, UEPC meetings and Academic Senate, questions arose regarding whether “multicultural” is the appropriate nomenclature for the requirement. Questions also arose as to whether our current description of this requirement reflects what we hope students will gain through the requirement, and if the means for reviewing courses ensures focus on intended outcomes. Further, some suggested expanding the requirement beyond 3 units.

It was impossible to respond to all of these issues in a thoughtful, inclusive manner in Spring 2018 as we were working to comply with EO 1100, but UEPC is committed to ensuring that these questions and concerns are addressed. Given the number of items on the UEPC agenda, and a desire to have a working group with expertise and experience with this topic, UEPC is charging an ad hoc committee to address issues related to the Multicultural Requirement.

### **Charge**

- A. Propose to UEPC a process for reviewing and approving courses as satisfying the “multicultural” requirement. To inform their recommendation, the committee is encouraged to review the processes for approval of General Education, Upper Division Writing Proficiency (WP), Graduate Research, Graduate Writing, and Liberal Studies Inquiry courses.
- B. Engage the campus community in a review of the aims of the “multicultural requirement,” and submit to UEPC a proposal to affirm the current requirement or a recommendation for a revised title, description, and/or unit requirement, including a rationale for this recommendation. In addition to actively seeking input from all members of the campus community, the committee is encouraged to review the history of the multicultural requirement at Stan State, records from governance discussions about the multicultural requirement, similar requirements at other CSUs and universities, and other relevant documents about diversity and inclusion on college campuses.

**Timeline**

The committee shall begin its work in October, 2018. The committee is expected to provide monthly updates (written or verbal) to UEPC, and to provide its final proposals to UEPC by March 25, 2019.

**Membership**

The Ad Hoc Committee shall include:

- Five faculty members, representing a diversity of departments and colleges, with prior experience teaching courses designated as satisfying the multicultural requirement. Faculty may be of any rank, and will be appointed by the Committee on Committees. Faculty wishing to be appointed to the committee are encouraged to contact the Chair of the Committee on Committees.
- Two students appointed by ASI.

The Chair shall be elected by the members once the committee is constituted.

The committee shall be provided with administrative support through the auspices of the Office of Academic Affairs including maintaining meeting minutes and Blackboard, assisting with research/information searches, scheduling meetings and forums, and sharing committee activities with the campus community.

Established by UEPC September 13, 2018.