**CSU GE ad-hoc Committee Recommendations**

**Introduction:** The new CSU GE standards that will replace our native GE Breadth requirements will reduce the number of units in lower-division GE from 39 to 34 units. This change comprises the loss of three units from Block E, the loss of three units from Arts & Humanities (Area 3), and the addition of one unit in Physical & Biological Science (Area 5). Changes to our GE requirements will necessitate modifications to our existing GE and university graduation requirement policies. An ad-hoc committee of four members (two from GES and two from EPC) met to discuss possible ways our campus could modify our existing policies to comply with New CSU GE, should it be adopted as the universal GE for the CSU. Our recommendations below are based on a model that seeks to continue offering a quality GE experience while minimizing impacts on FTES and course offerings across the university.

**Area 5**

The new CSU GE requires a minimum of two courses (7 units) in Area 5 (formerly Block B). The 7 units must include 1 unit of lab that must be associated with one of the courses. Departments offering these courses will be engaged in discussions about how to meet the new requirements and serve our students.

**American Institutions and Double Counting**

The American Institutions graduation requirement is mandated under EO 1061. It includes 6 units of coursework: a U.S. History course and a U.S. Constitution/Government course. Currently, these requirements are double counted with Block C (3 units, U.S. History) and Block D (3 units, U.S. Constitution/Government). With the loss of one Area 3 (formerly Block C) course in the new CSU GE, our committee recommends that we:

1. Make U.S. History a campus graduation requirement that no longer double counts for Area 3 (formerly Block C) course so that students will continue to take 3 units of Humanities and 3 units of Arts in our GE.
2. Continue double counting U.S. Constitution/Government as a Area 4 (formerly Block D) course.

**IHE**

Our committee feels that IHE courses, when well-crafted and intentional, provide a significant benefit for entering first-time freshmen. We also recognize that the timeline for implementing the new CSU GE curriculum does not necessarily allow for careful and substantive discussion and decision-making around how best to deliver these courses within our curriculum. Our recommendation is to:

1. Remove the current Block E requirement from our GE breadth in order to comply with the new GE Breadth requirements;
2. Over the next semester, engage the university community, particularly colleges and departments, to determine how best to support our FTF in their transition to higher ed, with the intention of making a decision by the end of fall 2024.

**Overlays**

1. We recommend reducing the civic learning (cl) overlay by 3 units to reflect the removal of IHE and Block E. The three remaining upper division cl units would be retained as a graduation requirement for all students.
2. We recommend retaining all other campus graduation requirements as overlays (i.e. wi, re, d) to minimize the changes needed.