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TO: Rosario Diaz Greenberg
Secretary, Academic Senate

FROM: Karen S. Haynes *KSHaynes*
President

Emily F. Cutrer *EFC*
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: GEC Resolutions ~ Satisfaction of the BB Requirement for Natural Science Majors
and Satisfaction of the DD Requirement for Social Science Majors

We concur and support the pair of Academic Senate resolutions referenced above: Satisfaction of the BB Requirement for Natural Science Majors and Satisfaction of the DD Requirement for Social Science Majors, documented as GEC 298-05 and 299-05, respectively (copies attached).

As the University is conducting a review of its Policy on Policies and Procedures, the status of changes such as these to the General Education curriculum has yet to be determined. These two changes are approved, but may need to be presented in the future as part of a comprehensive General Education policy.

Please convey our thanks and appreciation to the members of the General Education Committee (GEC) for their work on these two requirements.

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Attachments (2)

- cc: Gilbert Valadez, Chair, Academic Senate (06-07)
- Linda Holt, Chair, Academic Senate (05-06)
- Marshall Whittlesey, Chair, GEC (05-07)
- ✓ David Barsky, Associate Vice President for Academic Programs
- Darren Bush, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Services

Resolution on Satisfaction of the BB Requirement for Natural Science Majors

RESOLVED, That a major in the natural sciences (Biological Sciences, Biotechnology¹, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Applied Physics²) may satisfy the BB requirement as follows. He or she may take any upper division course offered by one of the departments in the natural sciences (Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics) as long as the following hold: (1) the course is not offered by the department of the student's major, (2) the course is not cross-listed in the department of the student's major. This course may be used (and double count) toward the requirements of the student's major. Students should consult their academic advisors before choosing such a course.

¹ For the purposes of this resolution, Biotechnology is to be viewed as belonging to the Biological Sciences department, so Biotechnology majors may not take any BIOL course to satisfy BB.

² This major does not currently exist at CSUSM, but is in the process of approval and may as well be included for planning purposes.

Resolution on Satisfaction of DD Requirement for "Social Science" Majors

RESOLVED, That a student in the "Social Sciences" major may use (and double count) a DD course taken in one of his/her secondary fields toward the Upper Division General Education requirement in the Social Sciences (DD). This measure shall take effect immediately and apply retroactively to all CSUSM students.