

Resolution on Restructuring of General Education Governance

(Approved by the Faculty Senate, September 17, 2009)

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of CSUN acknowledges receipt of the “Status Report from the GE Governance Task Force, Spring-Summer 2009” and applauds the efforts to date of the faculty on that task force, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of CSUN endorses the recommendation of the task force to create a General Education Council that will have direct authority and oversight over General Education at CSUN, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of CSUN recommends the task force continue with their deliberations and consultation with the faculty regarding the structure and membership of the General Education Council, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of CSUN recommends the delay of current General Education course recertification activities by Colleges and the Educational Policies Committee of the Faculty Senate until the start of the 2011-2012 academic year by which time the new General Education Council will have assumed responsibility for General Education policy and oversight at CSUN.

RATIONALE: Since Fall 2006 when the work of CSUN’s General Education Task Force concluded, the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) of the Faculty Senate has taken on the extra burden of General Education course recertification at the pace of one GE subject area per academic year. The Task Force has identified that it is a national trend for universities to create some type of special faculty governance committee just to address issues related to General Education. Given the recognition that there is a need to separate the responsibilities of General Education from the rest of EPC’s responsibilities and given the current directives to reduce workload activities because of the State budget crisis, it is appropriate to delay General Education course recertification efforts planned for this and the next academic year until the 2011-2012 academic year. It is assumed that EPC will continue to handle all other issues related to General Education until the new General Education Council is operational.