

**ACADEMIC SENATE
Of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA**

AS-938-22

RESOLUTION ON AB 928 AND COMMON GE PATHWAY

Impact on Existing Policy: i None

1 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 928 (AB 928), the "[Student Transfer Achievement Reform](#)
2 [Act of 2021: Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental](#)
3 [Implementation Committee](#)," was signed into legislation in October 2021;
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6 WHEREAS, AB 928 requires a common lower-division General Education (GE)
7 transfer pathway that will meet transfer requirements into both the
8 California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC)
9 systems; and
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11 WHEREAS, AB 928 requires the establishment of the "Intersegmental Committee of
12 Academic Senates" (ICAS) to develop the common GE pathway for
13 transfer students by May 31, 2023, which is expected to impact IGETC;
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16 WHEREAS, The *Standards, Policies & Procedures for Intersegmental General*
17 *Education Transfer Curriculum* says "...some individual colleges or majors
18 within a UC campus may not accept or recommend *Intersegmental*
19 *General Education Transfer Curriculum* (IGETC) to fulfill all of their general
20 education requirements" ([UC guidance by campus/college/program](#)); and
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22 WHEREAS, It is likely the ICAS will recommend dropping two lower-division courses
23 from CSU GE policy because the IGETC path for the UC requires only 11
24 lower-division GE courses for transfer students, unlike its stipulation of 12
25 courses for the CSU (note that CSU GE Breadth, which requires 13
26 courses, is different from IGETC in its addition of GE Area E); and
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28 WHEREAS, AB 928 states that the UC Regents have a choice whether to adopt a
29 resolution regarding a singular lower division GE pathway, while the CSU
30 does not have a choice; and
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32 WHEREAS, The CSU has announced that, following the development of the common
33 GE transfer pathway, the CSU will revise its GE breadth requirements by
34 summer 2024 to comply with the common GE transfer pathway; and
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36 WHEREAS, The Academic Senate appreciates that the CSU must comply with AB 928
37 for transfer students but notes that the CSU does make exceptions for
38 transfer students using coded memoranda; and
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40 WHEREAS, CSU Coded Memorandum ASA-2018-06 (“Systemwide Credit for External
41 Examinations”) directs campuses how to award GE credit for AP
42 (Advanced Placement), IB (International Baccalaureate), and CLEP
43 (College-Level Examination Program) exams to GE-certified transfer
44 students; and
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46 WHEREAS, The same Coded Memorandum states “Note that each CSU campus
47 determines how it will apply external examinations toward credit in the
48 major. For students not already certified in General Education (GE)
49 and/or American Institutions, the campus also determines how to apply
50 credit from such exams toward the local degree requirements”; and
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52 WHEREAS, This Coded Memorandum clearly establishes a precedent for CSU
53 campuses to maintain the CSU GE curriculum for fulltime freshmen
54 admits, while also prescribing allowances for transfer students’ seamless
55 articulation of GE credits; and
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57 WHEREAS, Cal Poly also currently waives CSU Area E for IGETC-certified transfer
58 students by using an additional GE course; and
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60 WHEREAS, The Academic Senate is committed to improving transfer pathways for
61 transfer students both through GE and by rethinking, where possible,
62 major-required lower-division courses not generally available at
63 community colleges; therefore, be it
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65 RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate urge the Office of the Chancellor to satisfy AB
66 928 compliance requirements via a 12-course IGETC pathway or,
67 alternatively, via coded memorandum that exempts prospective transfer
68 students from taking all 12 IGETC lower-division courses and, instead,
69 deems them to be transfer ready with only 11 lower-division courses; and
70 be it further
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72 RESOLVED: That this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Chancellor, all CSU
73 Academic Senate Chairs, and the Academic Senate Statewide Executive
74 Committee.

Proposed by: General Education
Governance Board
Date: March 18, 2022

**ⁱ (1) Describe how this resolution impacts existing policy on educational matters that affect the faculty. Examples include curricula, academic personnel policies, and academic standards.
(2) Indicate if this resolution supersedes or rescinds current resolutions.
(3) If there is no impact on existing policy, please indicate NONE.**



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Thomas Gutierrez
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: July 19, 2022

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Subject: Response to AS-938-22 Resolution on AB 928 and Common GE Pathway

By way of this memo, I acknowledge the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.

This resolution urges the Office of the Chancellor to satisfy AB 928 via a 12-course GE pathway. The Special Committee on AB 928 has in fact recommended a singular GE transfer pathway of 11 courses, not counting the laboratory, and totaling 34-semester units. The process will require additional steps, but Cal Poly will implement the final policy approved by the Board of Trustees as a revision to Title 5. First-time and transfer students must satisfy the same lower-division GE requirements.