

Resolution on General Education Framework

Whereas, Throughout CUNY's long history, curricula have been the responsibility of the faculty and faculty governance bodies on the campuses, as specified in CUNY Board of Trustee Bylaws 8.6 and 8.7; and

Whereas, in June, 2011, the Board of Trustees approved the chancellor's plan to make general education requirements more uniform across all campuses and to restrict the number of general education courses campuses are allowed to offer; and

Whereas, CUNY Central's mandate will require the City College CLAS to reduce its general education requirements from 51 to 42 credits, contrary to the CLAS Faculty Council's best judgment when it created its current general education curriculum; and

Whereas, although a more uniform general education curriculum aims to facilitate student transfer, CLAS is extremely flexible in the awarding of transfer credit and, in any case, believes that any transfer issues can be handled separately; now therefore be it

Resolved, that although the CLAS Faculty Council may out of necessity decide to work within the CUNY Central general education mandates, Council strenuously objects to CUNY Central's circumvention of the faculty's historic authority with respect to curricula; and be it further

Resolved, that CLAS continues to hold the educational interests of our students paramount and pledges to serve those interests.

Approved at the October 6, 2011, plenary.