HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSTIY
University Senate

Resolution on Updating GEAR Program SLOs and Area-Specific Content Criteria

17-17/18-ICC/GEAR – March 27, 2018 – Second Reading

RESOLVED: That the University Senate charges the ICC through the GEAR Chair, effective Fall 2018, to repurpose the existing 37 Area-specific SLOs currently listed in the catalog and other SLO related media as Area-specific "content criteria" which will guide the development, delivery, and assessment of GEAR courses; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the University Senate charges faculty teaching a GEAR course to include at least one GEAR Program learning outcome in their syllabus for Fall 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the University Senate charges the ICC to establish and initiate a process for faculty and department input on incorporating the above 37 content criteria into new Area-specific GEAR guidelines prior to the end of the Spring 2018 term, and to collect that input by October 15, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the University Senate charges the ICC to replace the existing 37 Area-specific SLOs with Area-specific guidelines by December 17, 2018 date so that the content criteria included in the new guidelines may replace the existing Area-specific SLOs in the 2019-2020 catalog and elsewhere; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the University Senate charges the ICC through the GEAR Chair, by December 17, 2018, to publish the new Area-specific guidelines in a comprehensive curriculum document that informs course development, delivery, and assessment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the University Senate authorizes the ICC, beginning Spring 2019, to create and maintain a centralized collection of course outlines (SLO's, typical course materials and course content schedule, alignment with Area-specific guidelines) for all GEAR courses; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the University Senate through the ICC shall, beginning in Spring 2019, use these to-be-developed Area-specific guidelines to inform ICC decisions regarding new course approval for inclusion in the indicated Areas of the HSU GEAR curriculum.

RATIONALE: *The GEAR committee, along with the ICC, developed last year a manageable and assessable set of seven HSU GEAR Program-level SLOs that are directly tied to WASC*

accreditation requirements and HSU core values. After the last revision of the SLOs, there remains the 37 Area-specific priorities that are still designated in the catalog as Area-Specific SLOs, but which are not assessable at the University level. We assert that these priorities are essential for maintaining the integrity of the GEAR curriculum and distinction of the GE Areas, as it has been envisioned by HSU faculty and in accordance with guidelines set forth in Executive Orders 1065 and 1100. We further recommend, as noted above, that these criteria are best applied when making decisions about course inclusion in the GEAR curriculum, but not be assessed as SLOs at the University level, and that removal of these 37 Area-specific priorities, as currently written, from the course catalog will serve to clarify GEAR program requirements for both students and faculty. These changes are anticipated to improve student success in the GEAR program by improving transparency about assessment of GEAR, connection of the seven GEAR program SLOs to courses in each of the Areas, and the expected content of courses in each Area.

See Attachment A, Summary of General Education and All University Requirements (GEAR) Program Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) and Summary of Discussion Points for Area-Specific Content Criteria Guidelines, for additional detail.