

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

June 21, 2005

Agenda Item: 4.2

Subject: Approval of Revised General Education Associate of Arts Degree Requirement, District

Background: A District-wide Task Force has been working on the General Education and unit requirement recommendations made by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). Both colleges prepared and submitted interim reports to the ACCJC last October. In addition, both Colleges and the District have continued their work during the 2004-05 academic year in order to meet the ACCJC timeline for changes.

The District-wide Task Force began meeting in October 2003 and included the two academic senate presidents and two curriculum chairs. Additional voting members consisting of students, faculty, and administrators brought the total voting membership to sixteen. The Task Force engaged in many discussions about the meaning of the associate degree, the philosophy of general education, core competencies, and student learning outcomes. These discussions resulted in the development of an Associate in Arts Degree proposal from each college. These were brought back to each campus. After deliberations, each college forwarded its recommendation to the Task Force.

On April 1, 2005, the Task Force met and studied the colleges' general education recommendations for the Associate in Arts Degree. After substantive discussion, they unanimously agreed on reducing the current 29 units General Education package to 25 units.

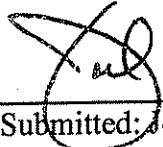
Proposed General Education Associate of Arts Degree Requirements	
Language/Rationality	
English Composition	3
Writing and Critical Thinking	3
Communication Analytical Thinking	3
American Institutions	3
Wellness	
Areas of Health	3
Physical Education	1
Natural Science	3
Humanities	3
Social and Behavioral Science	3
Mathematics	Proficiency
American Cultures	Ø
Total Units	25

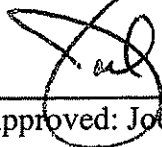
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The Colleges and Task Force have devoted much time and effort toward finding a District-wide resolution to the General Education requirements that will meet the learning goals of our students. In addition, the Task Force will continue its work in developing recommendations for Associate in Science and transfer degrees.

The Board of Trustees was presented with an Accreditation Progress Update at the May 3, 2005 workshop under item 3.0.b.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approve the Revised General Education Associate of Arts Degree Requirement, District.

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