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S14-11, University Policy, Physical Education Requirement

Legislative History:

Rescinds S73-5 and F96-12

Amends S13-3

At its meeting of May 12, 2014, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Gleixner for the Curriculum and Research Committee. This policy replaces University policies S73-5 and F96-12 which contained language regarding the PE requirement that was unclear. Also, individual exceptions to the physical education requirement already exist in practice, but are not in policy. The annual review process for program exceptions in S13-3 has been modified to coincide with the program planning cycle.

Action by University President:

The Senators in favor of this policy felt that physical education is an important part of educating the whole student. However, I feel this is an injustice to our students. We need to guarantee our students receive the complex knowledge and skills required to be the global leaders of tomorrow while at the same time respecting the 120 unit, financial and time constraints our students face. Given this balance, I believe physical education is a luxury we can not afford.

However, I have signed this resolution into University policy despite my own personal objections to a campus physical education requirement. This is because, for me, an even more important tenet is that curriculum is and should remain the purview of the faculty. Therefore, I have respected the faculty's collective decision to keep SJSU's physical education requirement.

**Approved and signed by President Mohammad Qayoumi, President,
San José State University on
August 18, 2014.**

University Policy: Physical Education Requirement

- Whereas The University believes that educating the whole student, both mind and body is critical; and
- Whereas Physical exercise is important to not only healthy living but also enhanced learning and student success; and
- Whereas San José State University is the only CSU campus with a physical education requirement for graduation. Three campuses have it as a requirement in Area E General Education and a number as an option in Area E; and
- Whereas Compliance with SB 1440, Transfer Model Curriculum, will mean that the two units of physical education would need to exist in the last 60 units; and
- Whereas Exemptions from the physical education requirement already exist in practice on campus now, though not in policy; and
- Whereas Temporary waivers for physical education are allowed by formerly high unit majors on campus in S13-3. However, the criteria for approving and continuing the waivers are unclear; therefore be it
- Resolved University policies S73-5 and F96-12 be rescinded; and be it further
- Resolved Two units of physical education be required for all undergraduate students; and be it further
- Resolved As with most other graduation requirements, individual exemptions for the two units of physical education requirement may be granted on a case by case basis. Petitions for the waiver will be reviewed by Undergraduate Studies; and be it further
- Resolved Programs can apply for temporary exemptions for the two units of physical education through the process outlined in S13-3. S13-3 is amended to replace 5.)a.) iv.) with “If granted by the Provost, these waivers are approved until the program’s next program planning review. At that time, a compelling justification will be required for failure to incorporate the PE requirement. Programs then need to reapply for a temporary waivers through the process outlined in S13-3.”
- Resolved That the word “waiver” in S13-3 be replaced by the word “exempt.”

Approved (C&R): 5/5/14

Vote: 7-4-0

Present: Buzanski, Cheruzel, Desalvo, Gleixner (Chair), Hart, Jaehne, Kohn, Schultz-Krohn, Stacks, Swanson, Trulio

Absent: Sibley, Sujitparapitaya

Financial Impact: There will be a reduction to student tuition based on less number of units required by some students in high unit majors for whom the PE requirement is waived.

Workload Impact: This will reduce the workload on Curriculum and Research by requiring the review of PE waivers with the program planning review than annually.