

THEMATIC APPROACH TO GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES AT CSUCI

Motion: That the Senate approve the following change to the General Education Program at CSUCI.

Description of Change: Thematic Approach to General Education at CSUCI

Rationale for Change: Early in our discussions of general education, the idea of having an annual GE theme was discussed and met with general agreement. We recommend that there be an annual theme for GE at CSUCI, determined by the General Education Committee upon consultation with the campus community. The faculty teaching general education courses would be notified of the annual theme and asked to incorporate the theme into their courses to the extent possible. Although the faculty would be encouraged to incorporate the annual theme into their courses, they would not be required to do so. During the spring semester, a community event would be held with the annual theme as its focal point.

Our mission statement includes the following quotation regarding learning communities. "To accomplish its mission, the university strives to create learning communities that involve all elements of the university..." An annual general education theme is a form of learning communities addressing this portion of our mission.

General Guidelines:

- 1. Each year, the General Education Committee will request suggestions from the campus community for a theme for the year. Faculty will then vote on which theme to adopt. [For example: "The Green Campus"]**
- 2. To the extent possible, all GE courses will address that theme.**
- 3. During the spring semester, a celebration will be held on campus. Students, faculty, staff and the extended community will be invited to participate. Activities may include presentations of research and creative works, talks by experts in the thematic field, food, music, dance and other activities.**