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RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION NO. 04-14

Subject: General Education Outcomes

Mover: Edward Modafferi Division/Area: Biology/Area 1

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Whereas, ACCJC accreditation Standard IIA3 states "The institution requires of all academic and vocational degree programs a component of general education based on a carefully considered philosophy that is clearly stated in its catalog. The institution, relying on the expertise of its faculty, determines the appropriateness of each course for inclusion in the general education curriculum by examining the stated learning outcomes for the course.

Whereas, ACCJC Standard IIA3 also states "General education has comprehensive learning outcomes for students who complete it"

Whereas, according to the Merced College Catalog "Students who receive associate degrees must possess in common certain basic principles, concepts, and methodologies unique to and shared by the various fields of study"

Therefore be it resolved the Academic Senate supports that upon completion of the general education course pattern, in addition to the area-specific outcomes, students should be able to:

- Use communication skills appropriate to the audience and purpose
- Use computations skills and various aspects of technology appropriate to the task
- Use cognitive skills to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate ideas and information
- Demonstrate understanding of different cultures
- Demonstrate self-management, maturity, and growth

Be it further resolved, that the Academic Senate support the above skills as the General Education Learning Outcomes (GELOs)

Be it further resolved that GELO assessment of the GE Program can be concluded from assessment of courses.

Be it further resolved that one GELO will be chosen by the academic senate during the Spring semester for assessment in the following academic school year. The results of the yearly GELO assessments will be communicated to the college and the community via the Assessment Review Committee (ARC) report.