



**Faculty Council of Community Colleges
SUNY General Education Framework Timeline
E2.2020-2021
Passed by the Executive Committee
April 20, 2021**

WHEREAS the SUNY General Education program has been required and integrated into all community college AA and AS programs for twenty-two years, and

WHEREAS the SUNY General Education framework as proposed by the General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) recommends the elimination of two knowledge areas and the creation of four new competencies, and

WHEREAS the SUNY GEAC recommends revised learning outcomes for eight knowledge areas and six competencies, and

WHEREAS the faculty at all sixty-four campuses will have to review their entire reserve of general education courses to determine if those courses meet the newly proposed learning outcomes as proposed by GEAC, and

WHEREAS the faculty at all sixty-four campuses will have to review **all** of their existing BA, BS, AA, and AS programs to ensure their degree requirements meet the integration of six new competencies, increased from two competencies, and

WHEREAS the faculty at all sixty-four campuses will have to review **all** of their existing programs to ensure their degree requirements allow for the fulfillment of eight knowledge areas, with scientific reasoning newly required, and

WHEREAS GEAC is recommending that AAS and AOS will be included in the requirement to fulfill the SUNY General Education program for the first time, and

WHEREAS the review and revision of courses and programs at all of SUNY's campuses involves using established governance processes to ensure the academic integrity of said revisions, and

WHEREAS the faculty at our thirty community colleges have been busy ensuring that their courses are being effectively delivered over the past year and a half during the coronavirus pandemic, and

WHEREAS the faculty at our thirty community colleges have not engaged with their colleagues during the pandemic to discuss major curricular overhauls in general education to the same degree that they would have in normal times, and

WHEREAS the GEAC proposes that incoming students in Fall of 2022 be able to fulfill the as-not-yet adopted SUNY General Education program, and

WHEREAS all programs and courses will have to be reviewed for the Fall 2022 incoming student, which does not alleviate any curricular review and revision required of this general education reexamination, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Council of Community College is committed to ensuring that our SUNY students meet the SUNY General Education program in order to become better 21st century citizens, as promised by its requirements, and therefore

RESOLVED that the proposed Fall 2022 implementation deadline for incoming students to comply with the newly proposed General Education program does not allow for the requisite time needed to make numerous curricular changes, and therefore

RESOLVED that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges urges a significantly longer implementation timeframe of at least three years from the date of adoption by the SUNY Board of Trustees to conduct the important work noted above.