

CERRITOS COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE

Resolution on Scheduling New Courses Pending Cal-GETC Approval

Adopted: September 29, 2026

WHEREAS, under Title 5 § 53200, the Faculty Senate has purview over academic and professional matters, including curriculum (Item 1), general education requirements (Item 3), and standards or policies regarding student preparation and success (Item 5);

WHEREAS, Cal-GETC is now the singular lower-division general education transfer pathway to both the California State University and University of California systems, making clear, accurate pathways essential for student completion;

WHEREAS, Cerritos College has historically delayed scheduling newly approved courses intended to satisfy general education transfer requirements until the applicable external approval was received, but this practice has not been formally codified as institutional policy;

WHEREAS, Cal-GETC approval is not retroactive, meaning students who enroll in and complete a course before its official approval will not receive Cal-GETC area credit for that course; and

WHEREAS, scheduling a newly approved course intended to satisfy a Cal-GETC requirement before approval is finalized creates a significant risk of student confusion, financial loss, and harm to completion pathways—disproportionately impacting first-generation, unadvised, or historically marginalized students.

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate establishes as curriculum policy that a newly approved course whose primary purpose is to satisfy a Cal-GETC requirement, and which is actively seeking Cal-GETC approval, shall not ordinarily be published in the schedule of classes or offered until official Cal-GETC approval has been received, and no sooner than the identified effective date.

RESOLVED, that exceptions to this policy shall be rare and limited to circumstances in which there is a demonstrated need to offer the course before Cal-GETC approval is received and delaying the course would materially affect student progression or completion. Circumstances that warrant an exception include:

- a course required for completion of a major or other program of study, for which an alternative course is not reasonably available, and delaying its offering would prevent or materially delay students from completing the program;
- a course necessary for established program sequencing, prerequisite progression, or cohort completion and delaying its offering would materially delay student progression or completion; or

- other exceptional circumstances in which delaying the course would create a demonstrable academic or completion hardship for students that outweighs the risk associated with offering the course before Cal-GETC approval.

RESOLVED, that a request for an exception shall be reviewed and discussed as part of the regular Tech Review process, with approval determined by the Curriculum Committee based upon the expertise of discipline faculty, the academic and programmatic circumstances of the request, and the criteria established in this resolution.

RESOLVED, that if an exception is approved, the proposing department shall be responsible for clearly informing students, including through the class schedule, course syllabus, and applicable departmental advising materials, by posting the following disclaimer:

- **Note:** *This course is pending approval for Cal-GETC general education requirements. Students taking this course this term will not receive Cal-GETC credit, as approval is not retroactive.*