

CCC COMMUNIQUÉ

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NEWS:

- ❖ The following courses were approved on Feb. 21st for Foothill GE for 2012-13:
Area II, English - ENGL 1S/T (this is a new pathway for completion of ENGL 1A)
- ❖ **Implementation of the SSTF Recommendations:** The Student Success Task Force Recommendations were approved by the Board of Governors last month and the process of bringing them to fruition is moving forward rapidly. Some of the recommendations will require changes to Ed Code and there's already proposed bill language available for review and comment. Your CCC reps received a copy of the proposed, "Student Success Act of 2012" along with a more user-friendly summary of the proposed changes. When you get these from your reps, please take a moment to review them and then voice your feedback, questions and/or concerns at <http://asccc.org/content/sb-1443-discussion-board>. Time is of the essence! Make your opinion known right away so that the ASCCC can advocate appropriately on behalf of community college students and faculty.
- ❖ **Compass Networking Meeting:** The "[Give a Student a Compass](#)" program is intended to bring state university and community college faculty together to discuss ways to increase student achievement of the LEAP Essential Learning Outcomes. SJSU has received a small grant to partner with Foothill and West Valley College, and will be having their next meeting here at Foothill on Friday March 2nd, 12:00 to 3:00p.m. Please contact [Carolyn Holcroft](#) right away if you're interested in attending and/or want to see the meeting agenda.
- ❖ **Accreditation Update:** As you know, the ACCJC reaffirmed our accreditation but this is contingent upon our ability to FULLY meet four "recommendations" to comply with ACCJC standards. One of these is that we accelerate our assessment of our Program-Level SLOs. But wait! Don't despair. Your SLO coordinators have drafted a proposed plan of action and are ready to help you in any and all ways you need. We've asked for discussion time at the academic senate meeting on **February 27** so look for more info from your senators and SLO coordinators next week.
- ❖ **Innovations in General Education:** In an effort to help college students engage and learn more deeply in their general education, many colleges have begun to develop GE "Tracks" or "Bundles." The idea is to offer an alternative to the current "cafeteria" approach to GE where students often choose courses from each area with little guidance, and consequently many of them never realize the goals and potential value of GE overall. With the "Track" approach, faculty create a smaller selection of courses in each area that all incorporate a common theme, such as sustainability or ethics and social policy. This wouldn't replace the cafeteria-style option, but rather add a more directed package option for students to explore interdisciplinary connections around a theme that's interesting to them. If this sounds at all

interesting to YOU, take a peek at the paper from UC Berkeley that your reps will forward to you. Section Five is especially pertinent.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **FHGE Requirements Draft 2012-13:** The draft GE list was presented but it's notably shorter than it's been in the previous years. The CCC adopted revised GE Guidelines in Spring 2010 and over the last two years have been repeatedly reminded to apply for course inclusion under the new guidelines as of the 2012-13 GE List, and that no course would "automatically" be reviewed for inclusion. Your Division Curriculum Reps have a copy of the 2012-13 draft. If you'd still like to have a course reviewed for the upcoming *Catalog*, you must have a completed application **approved by your division curriculum committee** and to Cori Nuñez by **March 9th**.
- ❖ **All 2012-13 Curriculum Sheets** must be completed by **March 2nd**. To be considered complete, they must be in "Review Status" in C3MS. Don't forget to add ENGL 1S/T as an option for meeting the minimum English proficiency requirement! If there are any issues or questions regarding the curriculum sheets, Cori will contact you directly.