General Education Committee

February 2010 Report
General Education Committee
Proposal to Revise an Academic Policy
(Action Item)

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1. Identification of proposed policy revision: General Education Requirements –
   Academic Skills – II. Foreign Language

2. Catalog statement of existing policy (Catalog, p. 35): The general education foreign
   language requirement will be waived for international students whose first language is not
   English, contingent upon successful completion of either ENG 100 and 300 and either
   COMM 145 OR 161 (i.e., 9 hours instead of 12 in category A) and an additional three hours
   of course work in General Education courses selected from any category. A letter from the
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   contingent upon successful completion of ENG 100 and 300 and either COMM 145 OR 161
   (i.e., 9 hours instead of 12 in category A) and an additional three hours of course work in
   General Education courses selected from any category, as long as the course selected is not a
   foreign language class in the student's native language. A letter from the Office of
   International Programs verifying the student is a non-native speaker of English must be
   attached to the ICAP undergraduate degree exception form and submitted to the Office of
   the Registrar.

4. Rationale for proposed policy revision: Clarification of policy to avoid confusion.

5. Impact of proposed policy revision on existing academic or non-academic policies:
   None anticipated

6. Proposed term for implementation: Spring 2010

7. Dates of prior committee approvals:

   General Education Committee:  January 15, 2010

   University Senate