

Attachment F
Summary and Rationale for FS 11/12-102/SEL
Membership and Charge
Student Retention and Graduation Subcommittee of the Student Affairs Policy Committee

This action responds to **FS 11/12-101/SEL** that created the Student Affairs Policy Committee (SAPC). In response to recommendation 7 of the May 2011 Senate Select Committee Report, **FS 11/12-101/SEL** also created a Student Retention and Graduation Subcommittee (SRGS) with a reporting relationship to the new SAPC to serve as a “workgroup” on matters related to student success, but did not define the membership and charge of the SRGS. This action defines the membership and charge of SRGS.

Links/references to documents pertaining to **FS 11/12-102/SEL**

1. May 2011 Senate Select Committee on the Status of Standing Committee Chairs Report <http://www.csus.edu/acse/archive/1011/Senate%20Select%20Comm%20final%20report.doc>
2. Charge, Membership and Operations of proposed Student Affairs Policy Committee (See **FS 11/12-101/SEL**), August 25, 2011 memorandum from Kristin VanGaasbeck, 2011-2012 Academic Policies Committee Chair and summary of response by Select Committee, included in Attachments K and C, respectively, to the March 15, 2012 Faculty Senate Agenda.

Rationale: The 2010-2011 Select Committee found *“the workload of the current Academic Policies Committee to be disproportionately large simply because many policy questions raised by new or revised executive orders about grades, repeating courses, admissions standards and campus discipline require careful answering following often prolonged study and deliberation”* (recommendation 6). Although the Select Committee recommended retention of a single Policy committee with jurisdiction over policy matters relating primarily to the Student Affairs division of the University, it also recommended the establishment of a new Student Retention and Graduation Subcommittee to be one of several subcommittees charged with the application of currently approved University policy bearing on students’ academic success.

The proposed membership and charge of the new Subcommittee was developed in consultation with the Chair of the current Academic Policies Committee (Kristin VanGaasbeck), and, given the proposed charge of the subcommittee is related to the University’s Graduation Initiative, the Co-Chairs of the University’s Graduation Initiative Steering Committee (Marcellene Derbigny-Watson, Assoc. VP for Academic Affairs, and Kathryn Palmieri, Assoc. Director of Academic Advising). Specifically, the proposed subcommittee charge relieves the parent committee of some of the workload associated with on-going review of student progress data, assessing the impact of policies related to and affecting student progress to degree, conducting evaluations of instructional/academic support programs, and instructional programs/initiatives designed to improve retention and graduation rates.