October 27, 2022

TO:        Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
           Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

FROM:     John Kim, Chair
           CHASS Executive Committee

RE:        Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed Senate Regulation 479 (Cal-GETC)

The CHASS Executive Committee discussed the Proposed Senate Regulation 479 (Cal-GETC), which proposes one set of requirements for students transferring from the CCC system to the CSU and UC systems, at its meeting on October 27, 2022.

Concerns were raised that effectively this proposal reduces the Arts & Humanities requirement from 3 courses to 2 courses for both the CSU and UC systems as well as the Social & Behavioral Sciences requirements from 3 courses to 2 courses for the UC system. Nevertheless, we support the addition of an Ethnic Studies requirement, which may address, in part, the lowering of these standards. We were additionally troubled by the elimination of the non-English language requirement for transfer students, as we find the current requirement of just one semester to be too low. As long as the non-English language graduation requirements across the UC system are maintained, we deemed this elimination as an acceptable, if unfortunate, trade off.