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TO: Legislator Lynn M. Marinelli

FROM: William J. Mariani 

RE: Fiscal and Budgetary Impact of the SUNY Mandated General Education
Liberal Arts Thirty-two Hours of Core Curriculum

This memorandum is in response to your communication of December 16th indicating your desire to be kept apprised of the college's efforts to address SUNY's new requirements for general education.

My staff (Vice President Academic Affairs Dr. Gena Proulx) has reviewed the draft report "General Education: Overview and Recommendations" as distributed via the Internet. Upon receipt of a final copy, the report will be distributed to faculty for discussion and review by the College's General Education Task Force.

Indications to date are for a Fall 2000 implementation for all state-operated institutions of the State University offering an undergraduate bachelors degree. A core of General Education curriculum of no fewer than 30 credit hours is to be a condition of graduation and is to include the following: mathematics, natural science, social science, American history, Western Civilization, Other World Civilizations, humanities and the arts, foreign languages, and basic communication, reasoning, and information management. The Provost is to form a University-Wide Task Force to see that this recommendation is implemented.

It is yet to be seen and remains unclear as to what the impact of the new requirements will be on our A.A. and A.S. degrees and, further, what the impact will be on current articulation agreements with the SUNY state-operated units. Since this will be a topic to be addressed by the Provost's University-Wide Task Force, we anticipate that SUNY information to us will be forthcoming.

In the interim, we do not anticipate any budget impact for 1999-2000. In the area of student financial aid, we are continuously optimistic that past successful articulation work will continue in support of students seeking to transfer. I will be attending a meeting in Albany on January 20 - 21, 1999 convened by Chancellor John Ryan to discuss further the implications of this resolution. As information is relayed to us, we will keep you apprised.

WJM/ps

C: Dr. Gena Proulx, Vice President Academic Affairs
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