

1 **RESOLUTION 09/10/21**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING  
THE K-STATE 8 GENERAL  
EDUCATION PROPOSAL**

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5 **BY:** SGA Executive Committee and Lydia Peele

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7 **WHEREAS,** Kansas State University should uphold a general education curriculum that “provides for  
8 a student’s exposure to a broad range of ideas, knowledge, and ways of thinking by  
9 requiring all degree-bound students to complete courses across a specified range of  
10 subjects and academic disciplines” (*K-State 8 General Education Proposal*);

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12 **WHEREAS,** On April 23, 2009, Karen Myers-Bowman represented the General Education Task Force  
13 in a presentation to Student Senate on the proposed K-State 8 General Education  
14 Program;

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16 **WHEREAS,** Following the presentation, members of the Student Governing Association spent more  
17 than an hour asking questions and addressing concerns they had with the proposed K-  
18 State 8 General Education Program;

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20 **WHEREAS,** The K-State 8 General Education Program outlines eight areas each student’s program of  
21 study must incorporate, including Aesthetic Experience and Interpretive Understanding,  
22 Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning, Ethical Reasoning and Responsibility, Global  
23 Issues and Perspectives, Historical Perspectives, Human Diversity within the United  
24 States, Natural and Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences. Students expressed numerous  
25 concerns surrounding the proposed general education program, including concerns with  
26 restricting the study of Human Diversity to only the United States, concerns with the title  
27 and description of the Aesthetic Experience and Interpretive Understanding theme, as  
28 well as concerns that some areas are vaguely broad, while others are more narrow;

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30 **WHEREAS,** The emphasis of the K-State 8 General Education Program is based on liberal education  
31 model, which is not consistent with the land grant mission that Kansas State University  
32 was founded upon and has since been nationally recognized for its success.

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34 **WHEREAS,** The K-State 8 General Education Program states “the intent of the K-State 8 is for  
35 students to explore the perspectives of disciplines that may be quite different from those  
36 of their own majors” requiring a minimum of four different course prefixes to be  
37 represented in the fulfillment of the K-State 8 requirements. Students addressed concerns,  
38 especially from the professional schools of Engineering and Architecture, Planning, and  
39 Design, with being able to acquire the technical and design skills required in their  
40 profession without an additional number of courses, as well as concerns with missing out  
41 on the opportunity to take extra courses within the industry they will be entering;

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43 **WHEREAS,** The Kansas State University Student Senate was presented the K-State 8 General  
44 Education Proposal only two and a half weeks prior to the Faculty Senate meeting in  
45 which voting action could occur. There was minimal student input throughout the  
46 formation of the proposal, with only two students serving on the General Education Task  
47 Force during the 2007-2008 academic year and almost no student engagement during the  
48 final revisions to the proposal. In addition, the process of tagging courses, as well as  
49 program assessment, should have student input, which is not provided for under the  
50 current proposed program; and

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52 **WHEREAS,** The Kansas State University community would benefit from student engagement and  
53 input in the proposed K-State 8 General Education program, and student questions and  
54 concerns should be addressed prior to the passing of this proposal.  
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56 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**  
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58 **SECTION 1.** The Kansas State University Student Governing Association recognizes the hard work,  
59 effort, and time spent of the General Education Task Force on the proposed K-State 8  
60 General Education Proposal and supports the change from the current UGE Program, as  
61 well as the purpose behind the proposal.  
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63 **SECTION 2.** The Kansas State University Student Governing Association does not support the  
64 proposed K-State 8 General Education Proposal as currently written.  
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66 **SECTION 3.** The Kansas State University Student Governing Association should to be a part of a  
67 dialogue with Faculty Senate and the General Education Task Force to address student  
68 concerns and answer student questions regarding the K-State 8 General Education  
69 Program prior to further action.  
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71 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage by the Student Senate and signature of the Student Body President, this  
72 resolution shall be sent to Chair of the General Education Task Force Karen Myers-  
73 Bowman, Chair of the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee Doris Carroll,  
74 Faculty Senate President Fred Fairchild, Faculty Senate President-Elect Melody LeHew,  
75 University President Jon Wefald, University President-Designate Kirk Schulz, Vice  
76 President for Student Life Pat Bosco, Dean of the College of Agriculture Fred Cholick,  
77 Dean of the College of Architecture, Planning, and Design Dennis Law, Dean of the  
78 College of Arts and Sciences Stephen White, Dean of the College of Business  
79 Administration Yar Ebadi, Dean of the College of Education Michael Holen, Dean of the  
80 College of Engineering John English, Dean of the College of Human Ecology Virginia  
81 Moxley, Dean of the College of Technology and Aviation Dennis Kuhlman, Dean of the  
82 College of Veterinary Medicine Ralph Richardson, Dean of the Graduate School Carol  
83 Shanklin, and the Kansas State Collegian.  
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85 **THIS RESOLUTION PASSED STUDENT SENATE ON APRIL 30, 2009**  
86 **BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 45-1-6**