

TO: Ariel Setniker, Chair, Curriculum Committee

FROM: Sarah Senk, Chair, General Education Committee

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SUBJECT: ME Department Proposal to make ENG 112 a 2-unit Oral Communication Course

GE COMMITTEE SUMMARY

The General Education Committee met on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, to review the Mechanical Engineering Department proposal to change their curriculum roadmap in compliance with EO 1100 (rev. 2024), specifically addressing the removal of one Area C course and modifications to ENG 112.

In attendance were voting committee members Sarah Senk (Chair), Laurie Borchard, Chris Chiego, Cynthia Trevisan, and Aparna Sinha, as well as nonvoting members, Mike Strange, Tom Oppenheim, Christine Isakson, Shari Smiljanic-Villa, and Graham Benton.

Tsai presented a [slide deck](#) detailing the proposed changes.

The ME department successfully petitioned the CSU in 2020-2021 to meet the Oral Communication requirement (A1) through a combination of three courses: ENG 112 – Introduction to Technical Communication (1 unit), ME 462 – Experimental Methods in Mechanical Engineering (1 unit), and ME 490 – Engineering Design Process (1 unit). They are proposing to change ENG 112 from 1 to 2 units to allow for more personalized instruction in oral communication earlier in the curriculum.

The proposal also seeks to remove the A1 designation from ME 462, which will provide artifacts for IWAC assessment at the *mastery* level.

The General Education committee voted unanimously supports modifying changing ENG 112 from 1 to 2 units of A1 (Speech).