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TO: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Academic Senate

FROM: Kate Sweeny, Chair
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 424.A.3 (Area D)

The CHASS Executive Committee discussed the Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 424.A.3 (Area D) at the regular meeting on October 4, 2017. There were no significant objections to the key revisions to Senate Regulation 424.A.3, which proposed to increase the minimum area “d” requirement from 2 units (3 recommended) to 3 units, while continuing to require 2 units of coursework that “provide basic knowledge in at least two of the fundamental disciplines of biology, chemistry, and physics” and changing the name of the area “d” subject requirement from Laboratory Science to Science. Some members of the committee raised concerns about the implications of this policy change for transfer students and students from high schools with relatively few resources. However, the fact that 95% of UC applicants already meet the revised standard provides significant reassurance that the change will not have ill effects. The committee approved the proposed revisions.

Kate Sweeny, Chair

CHASS Executive Committee