

**Motion to Require a Two-Thirds Majority of the Faculty Senate  
for any Changes to the Gen-Ed Requirements**  
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Motion:

I move we adopt the following Special Rule of Order for the Faculty Senate of the College of Charleston: All changes to the Liberal Arts and Sciences General Education Requirements of College of Charleston shall require a two-thirds vote of the Faculty Senate.

Discussion:

The intent of this motion is to impose a rule that any changes to the College's general education requirements, specifically the text of the section of the undergraduate catalog labeled Liberal Arts and Sciences General Education Requirements (page 11 of the current undergraduate catalog) require a super-majority of the Faculty Senate. The current text recognizes both specific courses and area requirements, and changes to these specific courses and area requirements would therefore count as changes to the text. Changes to the curriculum that do not necessitate changes to the text on page 11 would not be required to meet the super-majority. It is not the intent of this motion to require, for example, that new courses that fulfill general education requirements shall require a super-majority. So a new course in Art History would automatically count as a humanity upon its approval by the majority of the Senate, and would not require a super-majority. However, in order for a new course in economics to count as a humanity, this would require a changing of the text on page 11, and would therefore require a super-majority.

These changes are intended to apply to all future changes of the general education requirements, not just the current deliberations.

Rationale:

1. Changes to the general education requirements affect all students and therefore all departments at the College of Charleston and so should require broad support to be implemented.
2. A super-majority requirement would reduce the possibility of a small majority imposing its preferences upon a large minority.