

General Education Oversight Committee

This committee will be appointed for a period of two years, from May 15, 2010 until May 14, 2012. The committee will meet at least every two weeks during the academic year and will have some meetings during summer to facilitate implementation. This committee will serve as a sub-committee of the UG Council, adhere to all academic approval processes of the faculty, and will have multiple functions to include:

1. Providing input and recommendations on issues that may arise as implementation of the new curriculum takes place. For example, the committee may make recommendations on interpretations of design principles, or other questions that may arise from the faculty.
2. Reviewing proposed general education courses to ensure conformity with Senate-approved course templates for each of the 10 course areas. This will be accomplished via sub-committees chaired by members of GEOC. Final approval of courses will still reside with the University Senate.
3. Working collaboratively with the offices of Undergraduate Education and Assessment to ensure that assessment of the general education program meets the needs of program review and the needs and diverse activities of faculty teaching general education courses.
4. Developing recommendations for the long-term oversight of the program, including periodic course review and program assessment to ensure that the program remains true to the learning outcomes. All recommendations of the GEOC shall be approved ultimately by Senate Council and University Senate.
5. Providing regular updates on General Education to the University Senate and the campus community.

Details on how the committee will accomplish this work will be determined by the committee during summer 2010 meetings and presented to Senate Council in August for final approval in order to allow the group to commence their work.

Structure

A committee of ten faculty, plus ex officio members, is proposed. The group would depend on subcommittees for doing the work of reviewing proposals, with each subcommittee chaired by a member of the committee. Three of these faculty members would also be members of UG Council. This committee would be set up as follows:

Inquiry – Arts
Inquiry – Humanities
Inquiry – Natural/Physical/Mathematical
Inquiry – Social Sciences
Composition and Communications (2)

Quantitative Reasoning (2)
Community, Culture and US Citizenship
Global Dynamics

Ex officio members

Assistant Provost for General Education – Chair
Associate Provost for UG Education
Chair of Senate Council
Office of Assessment representative
Others?

Figure 1. Relationship of UG Council, Gen Ed Oversight Committee, and review subcommittees.

