

Academic Standards Committee

Informational Report

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Deliberations on the general education model and its implementation continue. The ASC reports to the Senate that it has reached consensus on the following; however, no motion to adopt is being made because deliberations are on-going. The ASC invites comments.

The ASC will recommend:

- a) There will be a coordinator for general education.
- b) The coordinator will report directly to the provost.
- c) The coordinator shall be appointed by the Provost after a call for nominations or application.
- d) The general education coordinator shall be a faculty member with reassigned time.
- e) A general education committee shall be formed.
- f) The coordinator will chair the general education committee.
- g) The general education committee would approve courses for general education, but would not have authority to "approve" faculty to teach general education courses. Departments offer courses; chairs assign faculty to courses.
- h) The general education committee is not to be one of the Senate committees or subcommittees.
- i) There is need to link course proposals to the University Curriculum Committee, and policy and general education program proposals to the Academic Standards Committee.
- j) The general education committee shall be composed of 13 members plus the coordinator.
- k) The 13 members shall consist of
 - one representative selected by each college (6)
 - one representative from each of 5 categories of the general education model (namely, Essential Skills, Natural Science, Artistic and Literary Perspective, Societies and Institutions, Personal and Social Responsibilities), appointed by the Provost.
 - two students selected through Student Government.
- l) The general education coordinator shall be an ex officio member of ASC.