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Importance: High

Please take time to nominate yourself or one of your colleagues to serve as a faculty member on the General Education Council. The General Education Council replaces the Academic Senate Liberal Studies Committee and will be composed of seven AAUP faculty members and two ex-officio voting members. The seven AAUP faculty members will be elected by a vote of the entire AAUP faculty.

In your nomination, please include the following:

1. Nominee's name
2. Department
3. College
4. Academic rank
5. Narrative of up to 100 words explaining why service on the General Education Council is desired.

This information will be shared with all AAUP faculty (by email and posted on the Senate Website) so that you know about the candidate's experience with general education prior to voting.

Specific information about how the General Education Council will be elected and its responsibilities are addressed in the attached Word document (Faculty Nominations to the General Education Council). The members of the General Education Council will begin their work immediately upon election to this new Academic Senate standing committee.

Your nominations are due to Rebecca Ulland, CEC Chair, by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 8, 2013, and sent to rulland@nmu.edu.

Larry G. Pagel, Chair, Academic Senate

Attachment

Faculty Nominations to the General Education Council

Who serves on the General Education Council?

- Seven AAUP faculty members are elected by a vote of the AAUP faculty and serve staggered three-year terms. Council members may be reelected. Service on the General Education Council begins upon election.
 - Two each from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Professional Studies.
 - One from the College of Business/Academic Information Services.
 - Two at-large representatives.
- No more than one council member can be from a single department.
- Two ex-officio voting members: the Registrar and the Dean/Director of General Education and University Programs.

How are members elected?

- Nominations, by self or of others, are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 8, 2013, to Rebecca Ulland, CEC Chair, rulland@nmu.edu. Nominations should include the following information:
 - Identification: name, department, college, and academic rank.
 - Up to 100 word narrative explaining why service on the General Education Council is desired and willingness of or experience with learning outcomes and assessment.
- An election ballot will be distributed to faculty by Friday, February 15, 2013.
- Completed ballots are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, to the Academic Senate Office, 402 Cohodas Hall.

What are the General Education Council responsibilities?

- Develop and implement an assessment plan of General Education Program learning outcomes (assessment training will be provided, as needed).
- Develop and review division outcome goals and criteria for general education and world cultures courses and make recommendations to the Academic Senate.
- Implement the addition and removal of courses from the General Education Program based on established division outcome goals and corresponding assessment data.
- Review and evaluate all courses taught for general education credit on an ongoing basis (3-5 year cycle).
- Report recommendations to the Associate Dean of General Education and Retention.
- Annually, elect a Chair and provide a report to the Academic Senate.

What will the General Education Council do the first few years?

- The focus in Year 1 is on General Education Learning Outcomes and Assessment – an AQIP Action Project to review and reframe the general education learning outcomes, adopt or develop assessment methods and create a new process and procedure for conducting the assessment of those learning outcomes and using the results. Implementation is needed before a Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation visit in 2015-16. *This Action Project does not include review or revision of existing general education divisions.*
- The focus in Years 2-3 will review the program structure, division objectives and courses.