**Committee Name: General Education Council
Subject: End of Year Report to the Senate
Date: April 13, 2015
Chair: Jill Leonard**

***Council Members:***
Jill B.K. Leonard (Biology), General Education Council Chair 2014-15, At Large Faculty Representative
Andrew Poe (Math & CS), Arts & Sciences Representative
David Donovan (Physics), Arts & Sciences Representative
Carolyn Lowe (Ed/Lead/PS), Health Sciences and Professional Studies Representative
Kristen Smith (Nursing), Health Sciences and Professional Studies Representative
Michael Burgmeier (AIS), Business/AIS Representative
Mark Smith (English), At Large Faculty Representative
Robert Winn, Associate Dean for General Education & Retention
Kim Barron, Director of Institutional Assessment & Accreditation
Kim Rotundo, Registrar
Katherina Klawes, Student representative

***Meetings:***

As of today (4/13/15) and since our last report (4/21/15), GEC has met for 22 formal meetings (54 hrs), including four formal meetings during summer 2014 (10 hrs).

Additionally, GEC members conducted two Open Office Hour events (4 hrs) during AY2014-15 and one listening/feedback event (2 hrs) during summer 2014. The GEC chair and at least three members have also met privately with faculty and/or departments, primarily for the purpose of giving guidance on course proposals for inclusion.

***Council Activities and Accomplishments:***

* Preparation, receipt of feedback, and finalization of General Education Learning Outcome Rubrics and the process for inclusion of courses in General Education;
* Review of proposals for course inclusion in General Education;
	+ Do date, we have received proposals for inclusion for 165 courses through a SHARE site developed for handling submission of proposals. Each proposal is read by at least half the committee during its initial review and then is read/discussed by all GEC members in its final form prior to final consideration.
	+ As of 4/12/15, 50 courses have been approved for inclusion in General Education starting with the 2016 bulletin. 64 courses are currently in revision within the departments following initial GEC review and 11 courses are being reconsidered by GEC following revision. Four courses have been declined for inclusion or have been withdrawn from consideration. The remainder will be initially reviewed by 4/20/15 and we are on track to complete evaluation of all the submitted proposals by the end of the Winter 2015 semester, assuming timely submission of revisions by the departments.
* We developed new language for the Lab Science University Graduation Requirement, which was required since the old language referenced the Liberal Studies program directly. This proposal has been approved by the Senate and the Provost.
* We have provided assistance to the English and Math/CS departments as they work on implementing the new University Graduation Requirements based in those departments.
* We have developed an assessment plan for the overall General Education Program and will have this approved by the end of Winter 2015. This includes a schedule for assessment of courses, but also includes wider consideration of the effectiveness of the General Education Program as a whole. Following final approval, this plan will be available on the GEC web page.
* We have developed a plan to process requests for new or modified University Graduate Requirements and will have this approved by the end of Winter 2015. Following approval, this plan will be posted on the GEC web page.
* We continue to update the GEC web page with information regarding the General Education Program and are now beginning to include information on the University Graduate Requirements program. We are making an effort to post GEC policies as they are developed, including our policy on studio classes and General Education.

***Leadership for Academic Year 2015-16:*** Mike Burgmeier (AIS) has been elected GEC chair and will take on this position at the beginning of the Fall 2015 semester.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Dr. Jill Leonard
GEC Chair 2014-15*