**Committee Name: General Education Council  
Subject: End of Year Report to the Academic Senate  
Date: April 12, 2017  
Chair: Michael Burgmeier**

***Council Members:***   
Michael Burgmeier (AIS), Chair 2016-17, Business/AIS Representative.  
Andrew Poe (Math & CS), Arts & Sciences Representative.  
Wendy Farkas (English), Arts & Sciences Representative.  
Alper Camlibel (Criminal Justice), Health Sciences and Professional Studies Representative.  
Kristen Smith (Nursing), Secretary 2016-2017, Health Sciences and Professional Studies Representative.  
Brian Zinser (Business), At Large Faculty Representative.  
Lee Roecker (Chemisty) (2016), At Large Faculty Representative.  
Robert Winn (2016), Associate Dean for General Education & Retention.  
Jim Cantrill (2017), Associate Dean for General Education & Retention.  
Kim Barron, Director of Institutional Assessment & Accreditation.  
Kim Rotundo, Registrar.  
Katherina Klawes (2016), Student Representative.  
Taylor Preul, Student Representative.

***Meetings:***

As of April 12, 2017, the GEC has met for 12 formal meetings (22 hrs.), with at least one more meeting remaining this semester. The GEC chair also met individually with faculty and/or departments, primarily for giving guidance and feedback on GEC matters.

***Council Activities and Accomplishments:***

* Review of course proposals for inclusion in the General Education Program;
  + For 2016-17, we received 29 new and 13 revised proposals. Each proposal is read and discussed by all GEC members prior to final consideration.
  + As of 4/12/17, 184 courses have been approved for inclusion in the General Education Program. Thirteen additional courses are currently under revision by departments following GEC review. Details of the General Education Program can be found in the current bulletin: <http://www.nmu.edu/bulletin1617/node/89?>
* We proposed that the grade requirement for course in the General Education Program be changed from *“…a “C” (2.0) or better in each course…”* to *“…a grade point average of “C” (2.0) across all 10 courses…”*. This proposal has been approved by the Senate and the Provost.
* We continued to provide assistance to the English and Math/CS departments as they work on implementing the new University Graduation Requirements based in those departments. Criteria and rubrics have been published by English and Math/CS departments for courses that would like to be approved for fulling the Written English and Mathematics competencies.
* Council members made visits to academic departments across campus as well as the Academic and Career Advisement Center, providing details and answering questions about the start of the General Education Program fall 2017.
* The Council is working with the English Department on a trial of our assessment process. The trial involves six sections of two courses (EN 110 & EN 282) from the General Education Program. Data and feedback from the trial will help us refine and improve the process. Plans call for additional trials in the fall of 2017.
* We approved HS/IP/SN 313X for Liberal Studies credit.
* We continue to update the GEC web site with information regarding the General Education Program.

***Leadership for Academic Year 2017-18:*** Wendy Farkas has been elected chair, and Mike Burgmeier secretary, for the 2017-18 academic year beginning in August.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Michael Burgmeier  
GEC Chair 2016-17*