

Proposal to Create a General Education Committee

Whereas General Education is a vital part of the undergraduate curriculum and of the comprehensive education that CCSU provides to all of its students, and

Whereas CCSU's General Education requirement is substantial in both size and scope, and

Whereas the Committee on Academic Assessment and the General Education subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee exercise oversight of certain aspects of general Education, there is currently no single body responsible for overseeing General Education as a whole,

Be it resolved that the CCSU Faculty Senate creates the General Education Committee, a standing committee of the faculty, to oversee General Education, and

Be it further resolved that this committee will be broadly representative, transparent in its operations, and will report to the Faculty Senate, and

Be it further resolved that the committee shall be charged with:

- Making recommendations to the Faculty Senate concerning the goals, outcomes, and objectives of General Education at CCSU;
- Articulating and revising as needed a rationale for General Education that explains for students and the public its function and value, and communicating that rationale to the Faculty Senate for approval;
- Making recommendations to the Faculty Senate concerning the structure and content of General Education, with the understanding that curricular decisions concerning which courses are assigned General Education credit remain the responsibility of the Curriculum Committee;
- Periodically evaluating whether courses assigned General Education credit are meeting General Education's goals and outcomes and making recommendations to the Senate thereon;
- Receiving from the Committee on Academic Assessment that committee's reports on the assessment of General Education and making recommendations to the Faculty Senate to address the findings in those reports, and

Be it further resolved that the committee shall have representation from all constituencies involved in General Education, all undergraduate schools, and all relevant committees, as follows:

- One representative from a discipline in the Arts and Humanities
- One representative from a discipline that teaches the Literature requirement
- One representative from the Social Sciences
- One representative from the History Department
- One representative from the Behavioral Sciences
- One representative from the Natural Sciences
- One representative from a discipline that teaches Communication Skills
- One representative from the First Year Composition program

- One representative from a discipline that teaches in Skill Area II other than Mathematics
- One representative from Mathematics
- One representative from Modern Languages
- One representative from Physical Education and Human Performance
- One representative from the International Studies Committee
- One representative from the Committee on Academic Assessment
- The chair of the General Education subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee
- The Director of FYE
- One representative from each of the four undergraduate schools, and

Be it further resolved that the composition of the committee shall be altered in accordance with any alterations to the composition of the General Education requirement, and

Be it further resolved that the Elections Committee shall make recommendations to the Faculty Senate as to the methods by which the General Education Committee's members shall be elected or otherwise selected, and that the committee's initial membership shall subsequently be elected or selected in fall 2018, and

Be it further resolved that the committee so constituted will first be charged with writing its bylaws, to be approved through the usual Faculty Senate procedures.