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General Education Committee Meeting

September 23, 2025

Members present: Anderson, Buchter, Brantley, Harvey, Heist (Chair), Janssen Robinson, Pocaro, Taylor, Thapaliya, Yu

Announcements

1. Chair Heist welcomed new and returning members to the committee and discussed the work the committee has been doing for the past three years.

Business

1. Taylor nominated Heist for Chair of the General Education Committee (GEC). Thapaliya seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. The committee discussed the fall meeting time because one member is unable to meet on Tuesdays at 1pm.

3. Heist updated the GEC responsibilities for the Social and Behavioral Sciences. The number of courses for review is smaller than past reviews. Committee members discussed moving the deadline to an earlier date, so presentations can start earlier in the spring semester.

4. Heist raised the issue of possible department mergers in January 2026 and how that might possibly affect the GEC's review process. The committee thought an earlier deadline would work best considering the consolidation of departments.

5. Heist discussed the responsibilities of the committee and posed some suggestions for the work of the committee:

- Consider implementing a pilot reflecting possible general education revisions while remaining cognizant of probable university restructuring
- Use committee time for reading and discussion of significant research about general education essentials and curricular design
- Create a mid-cycle report to CAA based on past findings and recommendations
- Invite the interim Provost to learn more about what GEC does

Committee members discussed inviting the interim Provost to learn more about the work of the GEC. The committee discussed possibly doing a pilot reflective of best practices in general education that supports student success, retention, and graduation.

6. Heist said she would send out the call for materials and review those materials at the next meeting—September 30th.

7. The meeting adjourned at 2:00.