

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 | 1:00-2:00 PM

Location: Library Dean's Conference Room - Booth 4515

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://eiu.zoom.us/j/81274723249>

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Learning Goal Representatives:

Quantitative Reasoning: Peter Wiles (2026)

Speaking & Listening: Nora Heist (CMN rep)

Writing: Tim Taylor (ENG rep)

Critical Thinking: Alan Pocaro (2026)

Responsible Citizenship: Kevin Anderson (2027)

College Representatives:

College of Education: Jennifer Buchter (2028)

College of Health and Human Services: Amanda Harvey (2028)

Lumpkin College of Business and Technology: Katherine Yu (2028)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Rashmi Thapaliya (2027)

Council on Academic Affairs: Aimee Janssen Robinson (1 year term)

Booth Library: Steve Brantley (2028)

AGENDA

- I. Visit from Dr. Holly Farley, Interim Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Suzie Park, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - a. Prepared Questions:
 - i. Will coming departmental mergers mean changes to general education? Do we anticipate a reduction in GE hours (IBHE range is 37-41 hours)?
 - ii. The president stated that the goal is a 17:1 student to faculty ratio? What does this ratio mean for general education and different levels of the curriculum (especially given that general education courses typically have higher enrollments)?
 - iii. What role do you anticipate general education playing in the 240-250 student credit hour per semester goal?
 - iv. What is your vision for general education as Eastern?
 - b. Open Discussion
- II. Debrief
- III. Review 10/14/25 meeting minutes