

To: Faculty Senate Executive Committee & Senate

From: Mary Harden, ARC Chair

Re: Academic Requirement Committee proposed amendments to the Ad Hoc LACC/General Education Report

The ARC is in general agreement with the LACC/General Education Report and Recommendations pertaining to our committee. However, we would like to propose the following amendments:

1. The ARC recommends the following minor change (highlighted in yellow) to the language in the first paragraph of Section 4:

Gen Ed/LACC report language: An expanded ARC would be charged with making recommendations regarding General Education courses to the Curriculum Committee. It would also have the authority to **evaluate** the effectiveness and appropriateness of any component of General Education and to recommend changes to the Senate. In addition, the ARC would oversee the presentation of General Education in the catalog.

ARC Amended language (proposed): An expanded ARC would be charged with making recommendations regarding General Education courses to the Curriculum Committee. It would also have the authority to **initiate evaluations** of the effectiveness and appropriateness of any component of General Education and to recommend changes to the Senate. In addition, the ARC would oversee the presentation of General Education in the catalog.

The ARC believes that this change more effectively reflects the second paragraph of section 4 which states that the committee would not be charged with creating or administering campus-wide assessment tools for evaluating General Education at WOU. The ARC does not consider itself an appropriate authority to determine effectiveness.

2. The ARC recommends that the third bullet of Section 5 be eliminated from section 5.

Gen Ed/LACC report language: Recommend to the ARC that they take up three initial tasks related to General Education:

- Review the introductory language to the LACC in the catalog.
- Clarify the second language requirement for the BA.
- Consider ways of incorporating interdisciplinary courses into the LACC requirements

ARC Amended language (proposed): same as above but without 3rd bullet

The ARC considers this task beyond the scope of our committee's evaluative capacity.

3. The ARC recommends amending Appendix 2 (proposed ARC expanded membership)

The ARC respects the reasoning for the proposed distribution suggested by the Gen Ed/LACC committee but believes that division representation would provide a constant and more comprehensive committee, as detailed below.

Current Structure	GEN ED Recommended Structure	ARC Recommended Structure
COE (Special Educ)	LAS At large (BA)	COE (Special Educ)
COE (HPE)	LAS At large (BA)	COE (HPE)
LAS (Social Science)	COE At large (BA)	COE (DTE)
LAS (Psychology)	LAS At large (BS)	LAS (Business)
LAS (Creative Arts)	LAS At large (BS)	LAS (Creative Arts)
LAS (Natural Science/Math)	COE At large (BS)	LAS (Computer Science)
Student	At large (BFA)	LAS (Humanities)
Student	At large (BM)	LAS (Natural Science/Math)
Academic Advising (NV Ex-O)	Academic Advising (NV Ex-O)	LAS (Psychology)
Registrar's Office (NV Ex-O)	Registrar's Office (NV Ex-O)	LAS (Social Science)
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Notes concerning different structures:

1. GEN ED/LACC committee proposed restructuring the committee according to degree track: 3 members representing the BA degree; 3 for the BS; 1 for BFA; 1 for BM, plus non-voting ex-officios.
2. ARC proposed restructuring the committee according to full divisional representation.
3. Both proposed eliminating the student representative positions, which are usually unfilled.