



To: Interim VCAA and Provost Elisha Baker,
University of Alaska Anchorage

Fr: Kimberly Swiantek,
UAA Governance Office

Re: GERC Taskforce

On September 7, 2012 the Faculty Senate approved the following motion from the General Education Review Committee.

Recommend formation of a two-year General Education Requirements Assessment Task Force (GER Task Force) to research, write up and present to the faculty (Faculty Senate, Open Forum/s) and the Provost an overview of how GER curricula are being assessed nationally. This includes information on best practices, the practices of our peer and aspiration institutions and UAF and UAS, and guidance from national organizations such as AAC&U. The report should include a recommendation for next steps toward developing a GER assessment plan and any funding implications of that recommendation. This task force should be funded through the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) and have administrative assistance provided by OAA. OAA will seek a course release or other compensation each semester for the chair, as well as possible travel funds for members to attend relevant meetings. The composition should be of the same nature as the GERC (refer to Faculty Senate Bylaws), but also include the Chair of the Associate of Arts Assessment Committee and a member of the Faculty Senate Academic Assessment Committee. Members of GERC may serve on the GER Task Force as GER discipline area representatives and/or unit representatives.

The Task Force should consult with faculty involved in general education as it researches and develops its report. The Chair will lead the development of the report and serve as a liaison between the Task Force and general education faculty. The final report and recommendation should be submitted by August 1, 2013, and should be submitted to the Faculty Senate and the Provost. During AY 14 the GER Task Force will facilitate the faculty and the Provost in discussions of the report and based on feedback create an action plan towards development of a GER Assessment plan for future faculty senate approval.

Membership criteria: Members will have experience with academic program assessment, general education and/or the Associate of Arts program.

Membership: Membership should include the following representation. To support the goal of achieving a manageable working group, members can represent more than one area listed below.

1. At least one faculty representative from the GERC
2. At least one faculty representative from the Academic Assessment Committee
3. The Chair of the Associate of Arts Assessment Committee at the Anchorage Campus
4. At least one faculty member from a community campus.
5. At least one faculty member from a discipline represented in each of the General Education Categories: Written Communication, Oral Communication, Quantitative Skills, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Fine Arts.



6. At least one faculty representative from each of the UAA colleges: CAS, CBPP, COH, SOE, COE, Consortium Library, and CTC.
7. A student representative
8. Ex Officio member: Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs
9. Staff support will be provided by OAA

If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Provost

Approved Disapproved

Comments:

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12 Sept. 2012

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Chancellor

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Comments:

Thomas A. Case

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