Ad-hoc General Education Policy Review Committee

The AASCU report of November 2006 pointed out a number of problems with the General Degree Requirements (GDRs). The Summer General Education Research Team was charged to research the literature of general education and identify several general education models that might work at UWSP. Their report, dated August 15, 2007, provides some recommendations for UWSP and may be used as the basis for the deliberations of the General Education Program (GEP)

Therefore, the Academic Affairs Committee recommends the formation of a two-year ad-hoc General Education Policy Review Committee.

Guidelines:

As a community of scholars, we value the input of all members of UWSP in reviewing and revising our General Education curriculum. To that extent, we encourage you to embrace the following guidelines:

- Open communication with all faculty and staff during the process
- Opportunities for input from all parts of the campus
- Honest and fair consideration of recommendations and suggestions

Charge to the Committee:

- Articulate the mission of the General Education Program (GEP) at UWSP
- Identify the General Education model (core, distribution, decentralized) that UWSP will follow
- Develop the Explicit Goals and Learning Objectives of the General Education Program (GEP) at UWSP
- Specify Measurable Outcomes of the GEP at UWSP
- Develop the General Education Program (GEP) which should include creating clear criteria for meeting the learning objectives (for example: criteria for course approval)
- Develop an appropriate title for the General Education Program (GEP) that focuses on the value of the GEP
- Determine the advisability of appointing a Director of General Education at UWSP

Timeline:

The process of the Review of General Education at UWSP is an ongoing cyclical process.

- Mission and General Education Learning Objectives by March 2008
- General Education Program finished by March 2009
- General Education courses by March 2010
- Freshmen enrolling in UWSP in Fall 2010 to begin the new GEP

In addition to the Charge, we are providing you with the following:

- AASCU report of November 2006
- Summer General Education Research Team Report of August 15, 2007
- Responses from Deans and Department Chairs at the August 28, 2007 Academic Affairs Meeting