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The role of Council members is distinct from that of faculty advocates for particular programs and curricular changes emanating from the individual college processes: members of the GEC are not specific advocates for curriculum changes from their colleges.

The Council will have primary responsibility for all curricular aspects of the General Education program and related university requirements, and will advise the Director of General Education on policy matters related to administration of the program. Specific responsibilities of the Council include:

- Review proposed changes to distribution requirements for General Education;
- Reviewing proposals to add or remove courses from the approved list of general education courses;
- Reviewing proposals to add or remove the writing intensive designation from courses;
- Recommending to the Director of General Education policies and procedures necessary to carry out the Council's duties;
- Advising the Director of General Education on matters related to articulation between high schools, community colleges, other universities and FGCU;
- Reviewing as needed university policies related to awarding credit through acceleration programs (e.g., Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate);
- Reviewing requirements for the Associate of Arts degree as needed;
- Advising the Director of General Education on other policies related to general education.

The Council shall act as the unit level review body for curricular proposals affecting general education requirements. Proposals approved by the Council shall be forwarded to the University Undergraduate Curriculum Team for final review.