

General Education Council

(i) Composition

The General Education Council (GEC) consists of three faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences; one faculty member from each of the other academic units; Director of General Education (ex-officio); a representative of the Academic Advising Council (non-voting); a Student Government representative. Faculty must teach at least one undergraduate course per year, or be a Librarian liaison to an undergraduate program, to be eligible to serve on the Council.

Responsibilities and Duties

Members of the GEC serve as a unified university entity to (a) preserve and maintain academic integrity of general education curriculum and course offerings, (b) review and resolve curricular issues, (c) prepare students for their majors and cultivate habits of lifelong learning (d) assure public accountability by the University, and report to the Faculty Senate, and collaborate with the UCT when appropriate. 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 collaborate with the Director of General Education on policy matters related to administration of the program.

The Council will have primary responsibility for all curricular aspects of the General Education Program and is the unit-level review body for curricular proposals affecting general education and related university requirements which include, but are not limited to:

- Reviewing proposals for General Education criteria;
- Reviewing 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;

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