

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA  
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
AGENDA

**Friday, August 18, 2023**  
**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – via zoom**

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Overview of General Education Committee - Roles and Responsibilities
  - Represent the interests of your college and maintain communication between your college's key constituencies (e.g. deans, relevant curriculum committees, chairs, etc) and the members of the Gen Ed committee.
  - Serving as an ambassador for the Gen Ed curriculum. This amounts to listening to faculty in your college and identifying any concerns/issues related to the Gen Ed curriculum, while also helping faculty, staff, and students in your college better understand Gen Ed, its importance, and its requirements.
  - Reviewing course proposals that are elevated to the committee and vote on whether these courses should be included as part of the Gen Ed curriculum.
  - Reviewing Gen Ed assessment reports from around campus as they are provided to the committee and providing feedback about assessment processes and findings to academic units.
3. Primary Items for Discussion
  - a) Gen Ed curricular reform
    - Review and discuss additional feedback over the summer provided by Senate Executive team (attached)
      1. **Goal: Provide feedback on behalf of the GE Committee to the Senate document, and consider opportunities to address their continued questions**
    - Gen Ed Mission – what *should* be the cornerstone ideas embedded in Gen Ed's mission at UNO (e.g. e.g. urban, community engaged, integrated, enduring questions impacting the 21<sup>st</sup> century, social and economic mobility, etc.)? We have broadly discussed this before, but I would like to solidify the ideas/concepts and formally begin drafting a new mission statement.
      1. **Goal: Identify common themes that we can then use to craft a more relevant Gen Ed mission statement aligned to the goals and purpose of UNO.**
    - Preferred general education model
  - b) Gen Ed approval process

4. Other discussion items / information

- a) Curriculum structure at NU peers (attached)
- b) 2023-2024 [General Education Assessment](#)
- c) Review [General Education course approval process](#)
- d) [General Education website](#)
- e) Courses for review go to:  
<https://nextcatalog.unomaha.edu/courseleaf/approve/>  
Your role: General Ed Committee – Associate VC

5. Homework

- a) Individually craft a short Gen Ed mission statement based on input from the meeting and send to me. I will consolidate the input and provide a list back to the committee (anonymous list, so no attribution to author). We can discuss and decide on a new mission statement at our next meeting based on the input.

**Next meeting September 1, 2023 1-3pm via zoom**