



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Minutes

Friday, May 12, 2023

1. Discussion Items:

Current proposal (30-31 hours of Gen Ed)

- a. Reduction of credit hours will benefit students so that they can graduate on time
 - b. What is it to be a Metro University
 - c. Diversity
 - With the new model of general education reform on diversity it is a stronger diversity with having one single diversity and one double dip. Currently students are able to double dip on both diversity's
 - d. Would like to have this completed before the UNO catalog opens for edits on November 1st 2023 – this will have an impact on changes to the program requirements and also the four-year plans.
 - e. Create two different Competencies/Models
 - Currently have one in the current proposal
 - Develop a competing model based on competencies/buckets
 - f. Outline a process that engages the faculty to help the committee narrow down a particular model, determine expectations for each requirement and craft related outcomes
 - g. ALC feedback –
 - Academic Advisors professionally represent the curriculum to students and have a powerful insight into the the effects of course sequencing and structure on student success. ALC supports having academic advising membership on the general education committee and would ask Academic Affairs to continue including the advising perspective in the phases of general education reform.
 - ALC supports the phased approach to general education reform. ALC believes this phased approach results in the least amount of disruption to students while still ensuring a quality general education program.
 - Improved impact on the success and recruitment of UNO transfer students: a reduction in credit hours will dramatically improve the transferability to UNO
 - The current number of credit hours in the UNO Gen Ed program leaves little to no room for electives for students
- b) General Education Committee meetings will still be held on Friday afternoons on the 1st and 3rd Friday 1-3pm