



## University Senate CHARGE

<b>Date:</b>	September 2, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Laura Rosenthal Chair, CORE Committee
<b>From:</b>	Linda Mabbs Chair, University Senate
<b>Subject:</b>	Transition of the Senate CORE Committee
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The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requests that the CORE Committee review its future role as we transition to the new General Education Plan for the University.

The Senate passed the proposal entitled, “Transforming General Education at the University of Maryland” (Senate Doc#: 09-10-34) at its meeting on April 8, 2010. In that plan, the task force identified its vision for the evolution of the Senate’s CORE Committee as follows:

The Task Force also recommends that the special Senate-Provost Implementation Committee select someone to take overall responsibility for General Education. It believes that person should be the Dean for Undergraduate Studies, who, in this capacity, will report to the Provost and to the Chair of the University Senate. **In so recommending, the Task Force is suggesting a rebalancing of the relationship between the Dean for Undergraduate Studies and the General Education (previously CORE) Committee of the University Senate. Rather than employing the Senate Committee for individual course approvals, the Task Force envisions the role of a Senate-elected Committee to be one that provides broad oversight and supervision over the entire General Education program—evaluating trends, reviewing learning outcomes and their assessments (where standards for learning outcomes must be established), and maintaining the overall balance of courses, for example, in the I-series (where targets for each College and School have to be established) and in other Distributive Studies categories.”**

The SEC suggests that the CORE Committee work with the Office of Undergraduate Studies to define the new vision and scope of the committee under this new plan.

Specifically, we ask that you:

1. Re-define the charge of the committee to one that aligns with this new vision.
2. Suggest changes to the membership of the committee so it appropriately reflects its new charge.

3. Suggest a new name for the existing CORE Committee that aligns with its role within the new general education program.
4. Consult with the Elections, Representation & Governance (ERG) Committee to recommend appropriate changes to the Senate Bylaws to reflect this transition.

We ask that you submit your report and recommendations to the Senate Office no later than December 1, 2010. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Reka Montfort in the Senate Office, extension 5-5804.