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Professor Linda Mabbs  
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Dear Ms. Mabbs:

The Senate CORE Committee began its work on Senate Doc #10-11-13, "Transition of the Senate CORE Committee, at its first meeting in September 2010. At that meeting, the CORE Committee began to discuss how the vision and scope of the new committee under the General Education program will be defined.

The CORE Committee has been diligently working on re-defining the charge of the committee to align with the goals of General Education, and is exploring changes to the membership, so that it will appropriately reflect a new charge. The original deadline set for the CORE Committee's report on this charge was December 1, 2010.

Given that the official implementation of the new General Education program has been postponed until the Fall of 2012, we feel as if an extension on the abovementioned deadline will allow us to fully consider all issues relating to this charge prior to reporting back to the Senate Executive Committee. We will continue to work with representatives of the Office of Undergraduate Studies, so that they are aware of our progress in any way that might prove to be helpful for their work on implementation.

We respectfully request that the CORE Committee be granted an extension for Senate Doc #10-11-13 until March 14, 2011. This new deadline will allow ample time for the Senate Committee on Committees to incorporate the new membership specifications for the committee volunteer recruitment period for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Please let me know if you have questions or if I may be of assistance. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Laura J. Rosenthal  
Chair, University Senate CORE Committee

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Cc: Reka Montfort, Executive Director, University Senate