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Subject: Transition of the Senate CORE Committee  
Senate Doc. No. 10-11-13

Subsequent to continued email discussions regarding the Transition of the CORE Committee following the initial response from the ERG Committee on March 9, 2011, the ERG Committee has re-evaluated its original recommendation of adding two graduate students to the proposed membership of the General Education Committee. Following conversation with the Chair of the CORE Committee, a compromise was created that will require the membership to include four students, one of whom must be an undergraduate student, and one of whom must be a graduate student. The ERG Committee has voted and approved this recommendation, which will leave the quorum calculation unchanged, and will allow for representation of graduate students on the General Education Committee.

Therefore, the ERG Committee recommends amending section 6.4.a(3) of the proposed committee specifications to read as follows:

“Four (4) students, of whom at least one (1) must be an undergraduate student and at least one (1) must be a graduate student, from four (4) different entities listed in 6.4.a(2)(a) above.”

Additionally, following further review, the ERG Committee voted to revise sections of the CORE Committee’s recommended General Education Committee Specifications for grammatical clarity and readability. Attached are the ERG Committee’s approved edits to the General Education Committee Specifications, as well as a final version of the specifications endorsed by the ERG Committee for submission to the Senate Executive Committee.

With these final changes, the ERG Committee fully endorses the recommendations of the CORE Committee. If you have any questions, please contact me ([mpound@umd.edu](mailto:mpound@umd.edu), x51520) or Glen Fuhrmeister in the Senate Office ([glenf@umd.edu](mailto:glenf@umd.edu), x51243).

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Attachments

## CHANGES MADE BY THE ERG COMMITTEE – MARCH 16, 2011

### Recommended Committee Specifications – As Outlined in the Bylaws of the University Senate

#### 6.4 General Education Committee:

##### 6.4.a Membership: The committee shall consist of:

- (1) A presiding officer, who is a member of the faculty and is appointed by the chair of the Senate;
- (2) Twelve (12) faculty members consisting of:
  - (a) One (1) representative from each of the following entities: the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources; the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation; the College of Arts and Humanities; the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences; the Robert H. Smith School of Business and Management; the College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences; the College of Education; the A. James Clark School of Engineering; the College of Information Studies; the Philip Merrill College of Journalism; the School of Public Health; and the School of Public Policy;
  - (3) ~~Three (3) undergraduate student representatives (from three (3) different entities listed in 6.4.a(2)(a) above).~~ Four (4) students, of whom at least one (1) must be an undergraduate student and at least one (1) must be a graduate student, from four (4) different entities listed in 6.4.a(2)(a) above;
- (4) The Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean for Undergraduate Studies, the Director of the Honors College, and the Executive Director of College Park Scholars (or their designees), and the Associate Dean for General Education shall serve as voting ex officio members.

##### 6.4.b Charge:

- (1) To facilitate the ongoing Core Liberal Arts and Sciences Program for students under the Core requirements, the General Education Committee shall exercise continuing supervisory authority and general oversight of the Core Liberal Arts and Sciences Program at the University of Maryland consistent with its authority as mandated by the report on undergraduate education entitled *Promises to Keep: The College Park Plan for Undergraduate Education* (Pease Report), adopted by the College Park Senate in March 1988 and in coordination with the General Education Program at the University of Maryland as described in the 2010 document *Transforming General Education at the University of Maryland* and the *General Education Implementation Plan* approved by the University Senate in February 2011. It shall also make periodic reports to the Senate on its evaluation of the effectiveness of the program and make any recommendations for revision or improvements it deems appropriate

(2) The General Education Committee shall exercise broad oversight and supervision of the General Education Program at the University of Maryland as described in the 2010 document *Transforming General Education at the University of Maryland*. ~~The General Education Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Senate and the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean for Undergraduate Studies concerning the General Education Program, its requirements and its vision, as it deems appropriate, especially with regard to evaluating trends, reviewing learning outcomes, and maintaining the balance of courses in the General Education categories.~~ The General Education Committee shall review and make recommendations concerning the General Education Program to the Senate and the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean for Undergraduate Studies. Such recommendations shall include, as the committee deems appropriate, the program's requirements and its vision, especially with regard to evaluating trends, reviewing learning outcomes, and maintaining the balance of courses in the General Education categories.

6.4.c The committee may, under the provisions of Section 5.7, establish subcommittees for each major segment of its work. A member of the General Education Committee shall serve as the presiding officer of each subcommittee. The other members may, but need not, be members of the General Education Committee as the General Education Committee and the Senate Executive Committee deem appropriate.

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